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LIFE IMPRISONMENT

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Escorted by a Corrections officer and a court marshal, Joseph A. Crisostomo emerges from the courtroom of Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who sentenced him yesterday to life imprisonment for the murder of bartender Emerita Romero.

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Joseph Acosta Crisostomo, a habitual offender who was convicted of kidnapping, raping, and killing bartender Emerita R. Romero, was sentenced to life yesterday in Superior Court.

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AS A RESULT OF NEW GUAM LAW

CNMI livestock export to Guam as early as summer

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Hundreds of livestock from the CNMI are expected to be shipped to Guam "as early as this summer" in what Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios described yesterday as a "re-establishment of trade" between the CNMI and Guam. Acting Guam governor Ray S. Tenorio signed the cattle importation bill into law on Thursday, paving the way for the movement of livestock between the two territories.

"This is a small success to build on. It opens up a range of economic oppor-

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'HONORING PRUDENCIO T. MANGLONA'

Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), right, and other senators confer with the grandchildren of former Rota mayor Prudencio Taisacan Manglona after the Senate adopted yesterday a commemorative resolution honoring Manglona's leadership, public service and other positive contributions to the CNMI. On Tuesday night, senators also presented a framed copy of the resolution to Manglona, 80, at the hospital. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

'CHCC board has no authority to credential staff'

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The Attorney General's Office has determined that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board has no legal authority over the credentialing of medical staff for the public hospital.

Attorney General Joey San Nicolas made this clear in his May 27 opinion in response to a question from CHCC CEO Esther L. Muña, who received a no-confidence vote from majority of board members due to a host of issues, including her inaction on Board Resolution 2014-02, which directed her to issue within 10 days a 90-day medical

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Georgetown: Junk proposed late fee, defer 5 other charges

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The consultant for the regulatory commission strongly recommended yesterday the denial of two proposed non-rate revenue fees being sought by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., while recommending the deferment of five other proposed new charges.

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Economists.com managing director Dan V. Jackson gestures during yesterday's five-hour evidentiary hearing where the consultant justified the recommended non-rate fees endorsed by CUC. Of the 11 proposed non-rate fees from CUC, the commission consultant appealed to the commission to deny two items and defer any decision on five others.

During yesterday's five-hour evidentiary hearing conducted by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, Georgetown Consulting Services experts Jamshed Madan and Larry Gawlik said that CUC's proposed non-revenue fees are unreasonable, methodologies used are inappropriate, and cases may potentially conflict with existing CNMI laws.

In particular, Georgetown asked CPUC to deny the proposed increase in the late charge—from the current 1 percent of past due amount to 10 percent of past due—which translates to a 1,000-percent increase. If converted to an annual interest rate, this is equivalent to a rate of 120 percent. According to the two experts, the 1 percent late charge is consistent with best practices employed by the industry and no change is necessary. Although CUC pointed out the need to raise revenue, it, however, failed to quantify the projected revenue from this fee.

They also asked to deny the proposed $220 fee for disconnection at the pole. CUC has asserted that the proposed fee would be assessed only when a customer is disconnected for non-payment. Likewise, when the arrear is paid, CUC proposes a reconnection fee of $200.

» Economists.com justifies CUC recommendations

For Georgetown, these two fees will total $420, which it described as excessive and not consistent with best industry practices. It said a simple case of nonpayment should not result in a consumer incurring a charge of $420 to have the service restored.

Five other recommended rates were asked to be delayed: the $450 new service electric-single phase fee; the $800 new service electric-3 phase; $725 new service connection after hours; the renewable energy install inspection fee of $690; and the proposed $125 renewable energy annual inspection fee.

For the new service connection fees (for single, three phase, and after-hours), the deferral was sought after Georgetown disclosed that CUC provided inadequate actual cost data to support these fees. The fee levels, Georgetown said, are high when compared to comparable fees at other utilities. The proposed fees for these three services also include components of costs that are disallowed by mainland regulatory jurisdictions.

For the renewable energy installation inspection and annual inspection fees, these were recommended to be delayed by CPUC pending a legal review.

Meantime, Georgetown affirmed its support for four specific non-rate fees endorsed by CUC: $210 investigation fee for electric; $200 reconnection at the pole fee; the $550 unauthorized connection fee for electric; and $1.50 for convenience fee.

Economists.com justifies recommended NRR

Economists.com managing director Dan V. Jackson yesterday testified before CPUC about the reasonableness of CUC's recommendations. He disclosed that CUC only generates a meager 3 percent from its non-rate fees annually. Of this 3-percent revenue, 2 percent comes from late charges. CUC, he said, has 80 non-rate fees of which only five items were contested by the CPUC consultant. He explained the purpose and objectives of the recommended fees and how it is badly needed by the cash-strapped CUC.

He said what CUC aims to establish are "standard or average" fees for the cost of services it provides customers. He provided justifications on how economists.com came up with specific fee recommendations, which he said majority was based on how CUC actually provides the services.

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Quichocho suspended 3 years for professional misconduct

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday issued an order suspending controversial lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho's license to practice law for three years for professional misconduct by using a legal tool to harass a former client to get payment.

"Respondent Quichocho's actions were not based on negligence or mistake, but instead were intentional, calculated to obtain payment from a former client through the misuse of legal mechanisms," Camacho said.

The judge noted that Quichocho's conduct warrants a serious sanction but finds that disbarment is too severe, citing the decisions of other courts faced with fact patterns similar to this case.

Camacho said that Quichocho shall not be reinstated unless he provides proof that he has passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination with a score of 80 or higher within one year prior to his application for reinstatement.

Quichocho was required to comply with all requirements of Rule 15 of the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of the CNMI Supreme Court. He was ordered to pay all costs and attorney's fees in connection with the case.

"Attorneys in the Commonwealth must not be allowed to use their superior knowledge of the legal system to harm their clients. A system that allows such abuse is one that the public should have no confidence in," Camacho pointed out.

Camacho held a disciplinary hearing on May 8, 2014. George L. Hasselback was the prosecuting attorney appointed to the case. Quichocho appeared with his counsel, Edward C. Arriola.

The case arises out of allegations that Quichocho violated provisions of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct by acting in concert with his wife, Frances, and his uncle, Felipe Atalig, to submit a series of Open Government Meetings and Records Act requests to his former client, the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan, in order to press the client to make payments for legal services.

In his order, Camacho established that Quichocho provided legal services to the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan from October 2009 to September 2010. As a result, the municipality incurred legal fees and, as of October 2010, had an outstanding bill.

Beginning Oct. 21, 2010, Quichocho took the first of many actions that were presented as legitimate legal proceedings, but that had the true purpose of pressuring the municipality to pay his outstanding legal fees.

The actions included a series of OGA requests targeting the municipality that were submitted by

Quichocho

Quichocho, his wife, and Atalig to then-acting municipal treasurer Allen Perez, and Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz.

Quichocho offered to withdraw the OGA requests and refrain from filing a civil action alleging OGA violations if the municipality pays his outstanding legal fees.

Camacho said that several aspects of 13 OAG requests indicate that they were all part of one coordinated effort.

First, the judge said, the language of the requests is virtually identical and that the requests were all made by individuals closely related to Quichocho—Frances and Atalig.

Although he found it unnecessary to delve into the particulars of the OGA requests, Camacho said the scope of the requests was broad.

Camacho said in an effort to comply with the requests, the Mayor's Office and Tinian Municipal Treasury made available for inspection all documents that had been processed during the then-current administration, expending hundreds of employee hours.

» Judge finds lawyer using legal tool to harass Tinian Municipality to get payment

Camacho pointed out that there were multiple occasions when the staff of the Mayor's Office made records available for inspection in accordance with the OGA requests, and no one showed up for the scheduled inspection.

"The court finds that in coordinating these OGA requests, Quichocho acted under false pretenses. His intent was not to obtain government documents, but to leverage payment from the municipality."

Camacho cited that during a meeting at Poon's Restaurant on Saipan on Nov. 17, 2010, Quichocho offered that if the municipality paid him $5,000 for its outstanding legal fees, he would withdraw all of his and his wife's OGA requests.

Quichocho also stated that he would talk to Atalig to ensure that his uncle will also withdraw his OGA requests.

Dela Cruz accepted the offer and on that same day, the municipality paid Quichocho's law office and received a receipt.

The following day, Nov. 18, 2010, the Quichocho couple sent a letter to Dela Cruz, demanding additional payments, purportedly to cover the legal costs of submitting the OGA requests.

On Dec. 24, 2010, the Quichocho couple sent a letter to Perez renewing their earlier OGA requests that were withdrawn following the Nov. 17, 2010, meeting, and also making new requests.

Camacho said Quichocho violated his duty to his clients to avoid conflicts between his interests and the interests of his former client, his duty to the public to conduct himself with personal integrity, and his duty to the legal system to promote the administration of justice.

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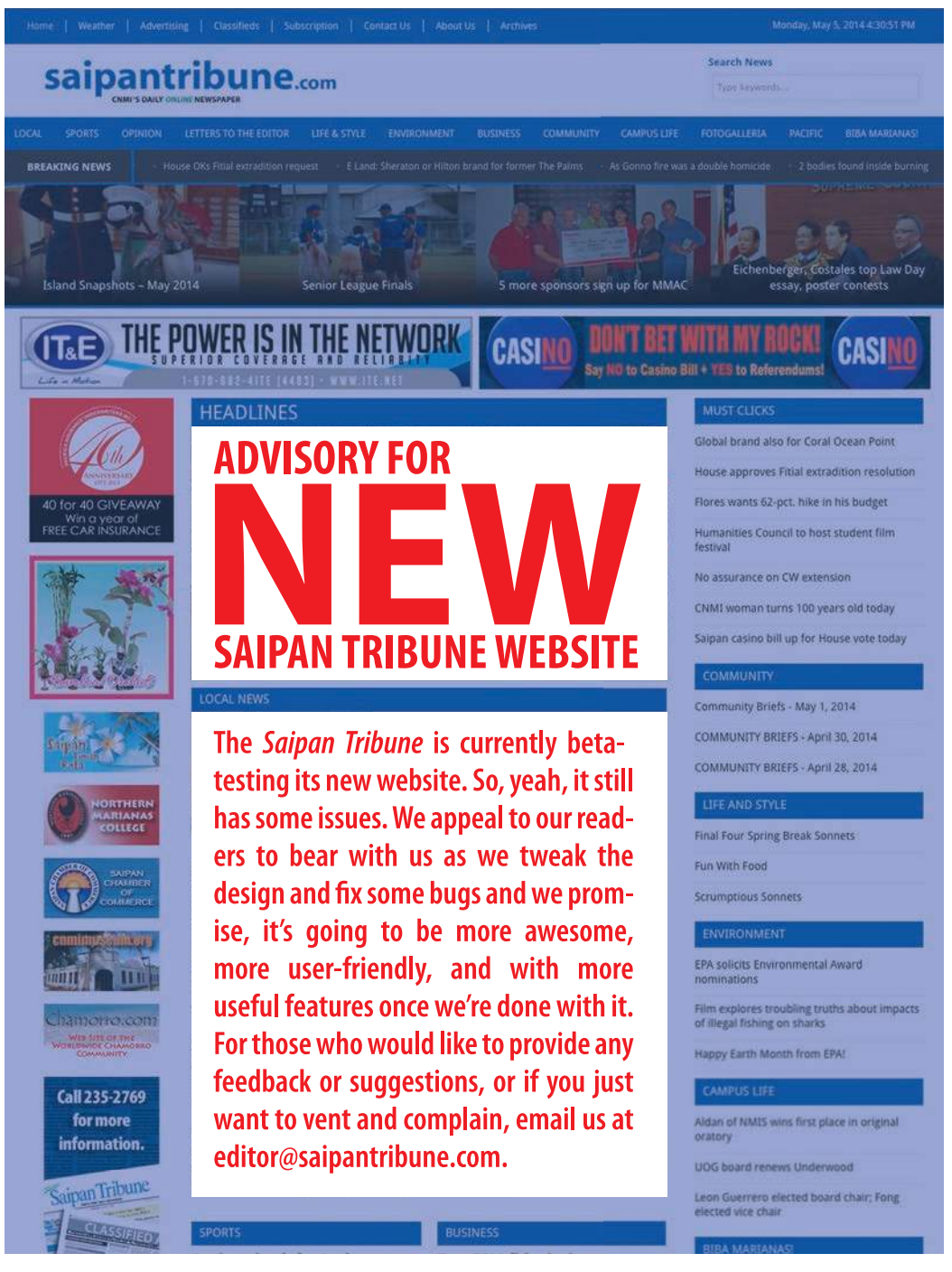
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Senators to ask CUC not to renew economists.com contract

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Senators took turns lambasting during yesterday afternoon's session the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and its consultants for what they described as "luxurious contracts" and "ridiculous" charges, even as they draft a resolution asking CUC "not to renew" its rate consultant contract with economists.com when it expires on July 18.

CUC has a $349,000 contract with economists.com.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, said he was earlier considering asking the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to end its consulting services contract with Georgetown Consulting Group.

Georgetown's contract with CPUC is expiring on Sept. 30. Georgetown has charged and collected over $1.626 million in fees for services rendered to CPUC from fiscal year 2009 through 2014.

Reyes

Reyes told fellow senators that during yesterday's hearing on CUC's non-rate fee requests, economists.com was "finding a way to increase CUC rates and desperately tries to justifies that," while he said Georgetown was "compassionate" with CUC customers.

"economists.com is asking for a 10 percent in penalty charge, but Georgetown says maybe 1 percent is okay," Reyes said.

Senate PUTC vice chair Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian) echoed Reyes' sentiments, adding that it is "totally unacceptable" for the government to have so many consultants.

Borja said people end up paying for these consultants.

Reyes said in this modern era, a $200 power reconnection fee is excessive, pointing out that economists.com is recommending this to CUC which, in turn, seeks CPUC approval.

"In the hearing, we heard that CUC needs four to eight people to put up a meter. Holy moly! And it takes four to six hours to accomplish the installation of the meter. …The CNMI is going backwards," Reyes said.

Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota) described this as "ridiculous."

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said going from a zero charge to "astronomical" rates is a "road to disaster."

"Basically [CUC] is setting [customers] up for failure," Yumul said, also referring to late charges, disconnection fee and reconnection fee that he said end up "exceeding the original billing." Yumul said he understands CUC receives "lots of grants for the meters."

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), chairman of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, said budget hearings are coming up and her panel will scrutinize CUC's contracts.

This is not the first time that lawmakers have criticized CUC and its proposed rates during privilege speech. Two weeks ago, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation did the same, using phrases such as "bordering on ridiculous" and "idiotic proposals."

Lawmakers were reacting to CUC's proposed new and increased fees that include up to 250 percent hikes for some, new fees as high as $800, and late charges from 1 percent to 9 percent. They also warned CUC of potentially violating laws that set certain rates and fees.

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privilege to Dr. Grant Walker or show cause why she should not do so.

"No. The board of trustees does not have the authority to issue a resolution which directs the CEO to make a decision concerning the credentialing of a physician; the board's role with respect to this matter may only be advisory," said San Nicolas in his two-page opinion issued on Tuesday.

The opinion further states that the "board's role is limited to advising the CEO" only.

According to the San Nicolas, Public Law 16-51 provides that the board may periodically issue non-binding advisory recommendations to the CEO.

With respect to the corporation's finances and management, he reiterated that the board's role is no more than advisory.

Citing the law that created the corporation, San Nicolas said the CHCC board has only a few exceptions as an advisory body and these include strategic planning, recruitment and retention of qualified CEO, credentialing of medical staff, and ensuring the highest possible quality of care.

But San Nicolas said this "exception" provision should not be mistaken that the CHCC board has governing power.

"This provision cannot be construed to imply that the board has a governing, non-advisory role with respect to these four areas of concern. Public Law 16-51 explicitly provides that role with regards to management of hospital, which would include credentialing of hospital medical staff, is merely advisory," added San Nicolas.

Narrow interpretation

When asked for comments yesterday, CHCC board chair Joaquin Torres said the AG's opinion is a "very narrow interpretation" of the law.

"I was handed this afternoon a very narrow interpretation of Public Law 16-51 by the Attorney General. It appears that the opinion focused on supporting the position taken earlier by one of its staff and ignored other relevant provisions of the law that may not tend to support that position. But this is not what Board Resolution 2014-02 is about," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Torres, the resolution, "when or if read in context, is not about who has authority over credentialing of the medical staff but about due process."

"The resolution was about ensuring that government, in this case the governing body, treats individuals fairly and does not abuse its power by acting against its citizens in an arbitrary, oppressive, or capricious manner," added Torres.

The CHCC board, by a 4-2 vote, adopted the resolution on April 23 after determining that Dr. Walker was not accorded any hearing or due process in his case, which majority of trustees believed is against the credentialing policy of the organization.

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tunities for both the CNMI and Guam," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who teamed up with Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo last year to make the interisland trade become a reality, branded it a "landmark legislation" and is "very pleased" with its enactment into law.

Inos designated Palacios as the lead person on the matter. Palacios said there are already ranchers from the CNMI that are ready to "ship hundreds of livestock in a span of a few months beginning in the summer—July or August."

"They already have buyers in Guam. There would be others that would follow suit. A lot of the CNMI's ranchers and farmers, and their counterparts in Guam, are expected to take advantage of this," he added.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said yesterday that since the matter was brought to the table during the Marianas Governors Summit last year, "Gov. Inos and Gov. Calvo quickly teamed up to work on this becoming a reality."

"Now that the law is in place, the CNMI and Guam will continue working closely to take all the necessary steps to allow ranchers to export or import their cattle," Demapan said.

Guam Bill 297-32, authored by Guam Speaker Judith T. Won Pat and Sen. Vicente C. Pangelinan, is now Guam Public Law 32-161.

The new law amends Guam's animal quarantine regulations to, among other things, make the importation of live animals, particularly cattle, less restrictive to import, by allowing the use of a Brucellois card or field test as an alternative to testing in a laboratory.

It also removes the requirement that cattle be free of Anaplasomosis, a cattle disease that is endemic to the whole Marianas but is no longer considered a major concern by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

After the Marianas Governors' Summit in September 2013, discussion on interisland trade continued during the first assembly of the Mariana Islands Legislature Association in November. Both events recognized the need to address political, social, and economic issues and concerns, including agriculture and trade relations between the CNMI and Guam.

For over three years, the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources worked with Guam's Department of Agriculture to propose amendments to phase out entry requirements and conditions that Inos said "are no longer considered essential, are overly restrictive, or are not performing their intended purpose."

LIFE

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"Mr. Crisostomo, you, through your counsel, asks for leniency. You will get justice," Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho told the 40-year-old Crisostomo at yesterday's sentencing hearing.

"Scared, screaming and begging, bruises and scratches on her arms and legs, violently penetrated and raped, strangled and gasping for air. With her spirit gone, thrown in an abandoned bathroom like a piece of human waste," said Camacho, describing the last minutes of Romero's life.

As the sentence was handed down, an impassive Crisostomo was seen rocking his chair and tapping his right foot.

Camacho imposed the maximum sentences on all six charges, to be served day to day, without the possibility of parole, probation, early release, work or weekend release, or similar programs.

For murder in the first degree, the judge imposed life imprisonment; for kidnapping, 10 years; for sexual assault in the first degree, 30 years; for robbery with serious bodily injury, 20 years; for assault and battery, one year; and for disturbing the peace, six months.

All sentences shall run concurrently and start immediately.

Camacho specifically ordered that all sentences in this case would run concurrently with the sentences already imposed on Crisostomo in two previous criminal cases.

Concurrently means that all the prison sentences for all charges shall be served under the life imprisonment sentence.

Camacho said one advantage of the concurrent sentence is the doctrine that an appellate court, when upholding one sentence, will not disturb concurrent sentences that are equal or less.

Camacho said a concurrent sentence will ensure that Crisostomo will not escape the justice that he deserves.

The judge noted that Crisostomo is currently appealing two other sentences he is serving in the two criminal cases.

Camacho said he anticipates Crisostomo to also appeal his sentence in the Romero murder case.

A disadvantage of consecutive sentences, the judge said, is it risks—like a house of cards—the sentence falling apart when one of the sentences is overturned on appeal.

"Given Mr. Crisostomo's capacity to wreak destruction in our community, the court endeavors to craft a sentence with a solid foundation to withstand an appeal," Camacho said.

Before handing down the sentence, Camacho enumerated 14 Department of Public Safety criminal cases that resulted in Crisostomo's arrest but not forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for prosecution.

Twelve other DPS criminal cases, including Romero's murder, resulted in Crisostomo's arrest and the cases were forwarded to the OAG for prosecution.

Camacho noted that he did not include Crisostomo's extensive juvenile record.

"Mr. Crisostomo, given your extensive criminal history, it is obvious that past attempts at rehabilitation and deterrence have failed. You have demonstrated an unwillingness to change your criminal ways," the judge said.

Therefore, Camacho said, the court looks to retribution, which is punishment for the sake of punishment, and incapacitation, which is removal from the rest of the community.

Chief Prosecutor Brian Flaherty had recommended a sentence of life imprisonment with no parole "such that defendant remains imprisoned for the remainder of his natural life." He said the government's recommendation is appropriate punishment and a protection to the community.

"This incident shook the community," Flaherty said.

He said there should be no more future probation hearings in this case and that Romero's family should not have to come to court to testify again.

"The horrifying 911 call should not be heard again. It's time for the community to move on," he said.

Attorney Janet H. King, counsel for Crisostomo, recommended a prison term of 15 years. She said if Crisostomo is given the maximum of 30 years, he will be 70 when he gets out of jail.

King asked the court to suspend or modify the rest of Crisostomo's punishment so that it can be served under probation after serving a mandatory number of years.

After the hearing, King said he will talk with Crisostomo on what grounds they will appeal.

"He does have 30 days to file his appeal. And we intend to do so," she said.

Before the judge announced his sentence, he asked those who will recommend a lenient sentence to come to the podium, but no one did.

For those who don't support leniency, Romero's siblings, Eduardo and Estelita Relata, took the podium. They cried as they spoke, among other things, about the pain they and their family endured with the killing of their sister.

Romero's friend, Josephine Togawa, and two former coworkers also became emotional when recalling their good memories of Romero and the pain they endured with her murder.

Romero's then-employer, Scott Dottino, said they're happy that justice has been served. He thanked local and federal investigators and other people who helped in the investigation.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy read a letter coming from Romero's oldest daughter, Erica Mae, 19.

Erica Mae said their mother had promised them that, once she finishes college, their mother was going home to be with them and that they never have to be apart again.

"I know she's watching both of us, my sister and I. We can start a new chapter now and continue our lives with her memories and dreams for us. My mother will always be in our hearts and always be remembered. We love her so much!" said Erica Mae who is going to be a junior in college this school year, taking up a civil engineering course in the Philippines.

Romero, 37, was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan in the early morning of Feb. 5, 2012. Two days later, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body in a small room at an abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis. Autopsy showed she was beaten and strangled to death with a pair of leggings.

UNDER SENATE VERSION OF HOUSE BILL

$1.25 increase in cigarette tax within four years

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Cigarette tax would be increased by a total of $1.25 in a four-year span starting with a 75-cent increase upon enactment into law and an additional 50 cents after three years, under a House bill that the Senate passed at 4:46pm yesterday.

For senators, the "gradual" $1.25 cigarette tax hike is more reasonable compared to the original House version of outright $2 increase in tax for every 20 cigarette sticks.

House Bill 18-118, Senate Draft 2 goes back to the House for action. House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) authored the bill.

At present, cigarette tax in the CNMI is $2 a pack. A pack has 20 sticks.

If the House approves the Senate amendment, then cigarette tax will become $2.75 as soon as the bill becomes law, and then to $3.25 after three years.

The cigarette tax hike bill passed the Senate by a vote of 7-0.

Three of the senators—Sens. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian), Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), and Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan)—voted "with reservation."

The other "yes" votes were from Sens. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan). Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) left the session earlier, while Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) was excused from the session.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, chaired by Taimanao, reviewed and recommended the bill's passage in the form of Draft 1. Under the committee report, the increase would be 50 cents right away and another 50 cents after three years.

During the session, however, Taimanao offered a floor amendment that sets a $2.75 cigarette tax per 20 cigarette sticks upon the bill's enactment into law, or a 75-cent increase from the current $2 a pack.

Taimanao's floor amendment includes bringing the cigarette tax to $3.25 per 20 cigarettes after three years, or another 50-cent hike. Senators adopted the floor amendment.

» **Senate confirms CUC, CDA board appointees**

During the session, Taimanao said the Fiscal Affairs Committee sees the need to deter people from engaging in harmful habits such as smoking, which the panel said is a contributing factor to non-communicable diseases, so they recommend passage of the cigarette tax hike bill. But at the same time, they recognize that a "gradual" increase in cigarette tax would be "more palatable" to the business community.

The Senate version of HB 18-118 also sets aside 50 percent of all excise taxes collected for deposit in an account to fund the payment of the CNMI government's share of the Group Health and Life Insurance benefits, and for enforcement.

Others

By a vote of 8-0 at 2:37pm yesterday, the Senate also confirmed Gov. Eloy S. Inos' appointment of Joseph T. Torres to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors.

Five minutes later, senators also confirmed by an 8-0 vote the governor's re-appointment of Diego Songao to the Commonwealth Development Authority board of directors.

The governor swore in Torres immediately after the Senate confirmation, press secretary Angel Demapan said. Demapan said Songao has not been scheduled yet for swearing-in "pending his travel to Saipan from Rota."

The Senate also adopted Hocog's commemorative resolution honoring former Rota mayor Prudencio Taisacan Manglona for his public service and leadership. Senators presented a framed copy of the resolution to Manglona, now 80, at the hospital on Tuesday night.

Senators spoke of Manglona's "exemplary, innovative, and progressive leadership in public service, community building, and economic development." Manglona served as Rota mayor from 1978 to 1994.

At yesterday's session, four of Manglona's 48 grandchildren attended the Senate session to witness the resolution's formal adoption. They included Dean, Savana, Donavan, and Thomas Manglona.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Eloy S. Inos swears in the newest member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors, businessman Joseph T. Torres, at the Governor's Office yesterday, shortly after being confirmed at the Legislature.]

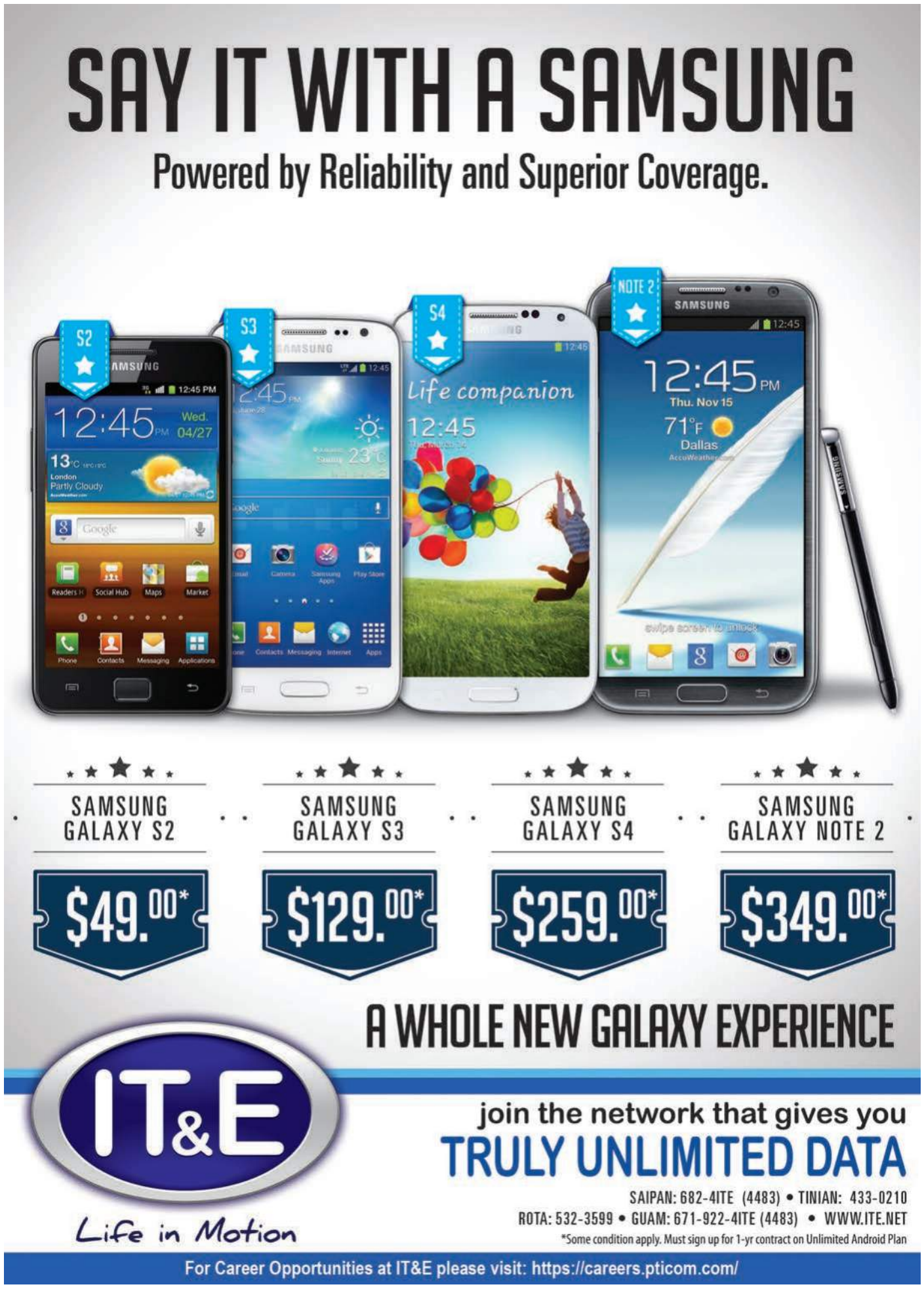
Water outage on Navy Hill today

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform residents of Navy Hill between Magas Loop and Gloria Drive, Upper MIHA, China Town, and residents of Japon Street that an eight-hour water outage is scheduled for today, May 29, 2014, from 8am to 4pm.

This will allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to replace various gate valves on Navy Hill Road. This project is part of the Navy Hill Water Line and Pressure Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The water outage will affect residents living on Navy Hill between Magas Loop and Gloria Drive, Upper MIHA, China Town, and homes along Japon Street.

CUC's operations team and GPPC will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorist exercise caution when driving through the construction sites. Direct inquiries to project manager Larry Manacop at (670) 236-4332. ***(CUC)***



14 speakers to present at history conference

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council's one-day history conference, "Cultures In War: Combatants, Islanders and Settlers in the Pacific War and Afterward," will feature 14 presenters this June 14 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe. The one-day conference will last from 8:30am to 6pm.

According to the council's program officer, Eulalia Villagomez, the conference is part of the activities for the 70th Anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

"It is free and open to the public and the seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and registration is not required," Villagomez said.

Conference presenters will be speaking through panels for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Presenters include Harold Goldberg, Prof. Anderson Giles, Damien O'Connell, Kathleen Williams, Theodore Cook, Lisa Yoneyama, Haruko Cook, Yujin Yaguchi, Alfred Flores, Michael Clement Jr., Jessica Jordan, Matthew Hughes, Courtney Short, and Don Farrell.

Goldberg, distinguished professor of University of South in Sewanee at Tennessee's David E. Underdown, will be presenting the Battle of Saipan beyond 1944 to examine ways in how the struggle "transcends time, place, and nationality."

Giles, from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, will be presenting on the Seabees construction on Tinian, the B-29 air campaign, construction and use of atomic bomb facilities and their deployment, and the process of how man and nature have transformed the site of the ruins and their story in the present.

Military historian O'Connell will be presenting on Marine Private First Class Guy Gabaldon who "single-handedly" captured over 1,000 Japanese servicemen during the Battle of Saipan.

Williams, who has written many books and articles on the histories of war, will be presenting on how people battled their wounds, both physical and psychological, and the scars of battle survivors.

T. Cook, a professor of history and Asian studies, will be presenting the Japanese side of the war from the ground level and the Japanese survivors.

Yoneyama, a teacher, will be presenting an eye-catching narrative about Japan and, by extension on the areas of Asia and the Pacific, about forming the Japanese empire.

H. Cook, a coordinator and instructor, will present a detailed look behind the Battles of Saipan and Tinian on the use and abuse of propaganda that led to false tales of what actually happened through eyewitness accounts from both sides of the fighting nations.

Yaguchi, of University of Tokyo, will present on contemporary Japanese tourism to the CNMI with a focus on "how it continues today's Japanese memories of the Asia-Pacific War."

Flores, of Chamorro and Korean descent who was born in Seoul, will present on what took place in Guam after World War II that changed the island after the U.S. military engaged in a significant expansion project.

Clement, University of Guam's history and Micronesian studies assistant professor, will speak about the militarization and music on a cross-cultural encounter in Guam and Saipan during World War II and the early post-war years.

Jordan, from the University of California in San Diego, will present the CNMI's Chamorro participation in the invasion and occupation of Guam as scouts and interpreters.

Hughes, a son of a former Marine who fought on the island in 1944, will present on the treatment by U.S. military forces of civilians during the War in the Pacific, including Japanese and Korean migrants living on the Pacific islands, and the "native" islanders such as the indigenous people of the CNMI.

Jordan, an author, will present on the Naval Military Government that operated in Okinawa from September 1945 to 1946.

Mayor of Tinian's chief of staff Farrell will be presenting on the plans to drop atomic bombs on Japan and how the CNMI was chosen as the "forward base" from which the atomic bombs would be launched.

The conference is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of the Governor, Marine Corps University Foundation, Brunel University, and Delta Air Lines.
(Jayson Camacho)

Prevention of Alcohol Sales to Minors for Alcohol Retailers Annual Training Requirement

Class 4 (off Premise) Alcohol Retailers

The NMI Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC) in conjunction with Project Brabu is offering FREE training session on preventing alcohol sales to minors at retail establishments. This training will be offered in Korean, Chinese and English to help store owners and manager's best understand the requirements and be able to ask questions. Attendance by owner/manager or key staff is required renewal of your Alcohol Retailers license.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Owners, Managers or Key Staff of any retail business that offers alcohol for sale. Grocery Stores, Mom & Pop, Supermarkets, Convenience Stores and other retail establisments

WHY? Training on the updated NMI ABTC regulations, tips on how to prevent alcohol sales to minors and how to properly ID for alcohol sales in order to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors and preventing violations and the fines associated with selling to underage customers.

All Saipan classes will be held at Pacific Islands Club (PIC) — Napu Room

- Class taught in **English** language: June 3rd 9:00 am – 11:00 am **OR** June 4th 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- Class taught with **Chinese** interpreter: June 3rd 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **OR** June 3rd 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- Class taught with **Korean** interpreter: June 4th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **OR** June 4th 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tinian class will be held at the Department of Commerce Office on Tinian

- June 10th 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **One Session Only**

Rota class will be held at the Mayor of Rota's Office

- June 17th 9:00 am – 11:00 am **One Session Only**

Call 664-3065 or email deltamgt@pticom.com to make reservations

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910 (a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 3:30p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, 1st Floor, in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. EXECUTIVE SESSION
IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Review & Finalized of Spring 2014 Scholarship Applicants
2. Disbursement of Spring 2014 recipients applicants

V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
VI. ADJOURNMENT

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting

[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hour prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

Accord reached on incentive rate for large CUC customers

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REPORTER

After extensive discussions, consultants for both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission have agreed yesterday to come up with a modified incentive rate proposal for CUC's large commercial customers.

CUC's rate consultant, economist.com and CPUC's consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group, inked the joint agreement that recommends the implementation of a tariff rider incentive rate, which would apply to three classes of commercial customers.

First are commercial customers with generation capacity of 400 kW or greater and generate 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs. Second are commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increased load of 200 kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or greater. Third are new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400 kW or greater.

Under the proposed incentive rate tariff, these customers will pay 33.416 cents per kWh, which includes the LEAC currently in effect.

During CPUC's evidentiary hearing yesterday, economists.com managing director Robert Young said the IR tariff represents an 8.3 cents per kWh discount from the current commercial rate, which is roughly a 3-cent per kWh base rate on top of the current LEAC.

"This represents a reduction or discount in the cost per kWh for incentive rate purchases of about 31 percent from CUC's commercial rate. In addition, with the expiration of the 'infrastructure surcharge' in January 2015, the incentive rate discount will fall to 25 percent," states the newly-signed agreement.

Both Georgetown and economists.com also agreed that CPUC should approve an experimental tariff rider IR to CUC's existing commercial rate, with a signup period of four months from the date the master incentive rate contract is approved.

"This means the large customers have four months to decide if they want to pursue and lock in the current rate for four years. If not, they will have to wait for another 12 months to do it," explained Young.

The purchases under the IR will be effective for four years.

Young said the agreement also places a cap on the volume of purchases under the incentive rate rider, which is 20 MW of billing demand. CUC, he said, reserves the right to petition the CPUC before the end of the incentive rate window to increase the 20-MW limit.

Georgetown will file with CPUC at its next regulatory meeting a large commercial rate tariff that will apply to all customers with a kW demand of 400 kWh or greater for review.

CUC will also submit its proposed master incentive rate contract for review and approval by the commission by July 31, 2014.

Before coming to an agreement on the incentive rate, Georgetown had disagreed with CUC's original recommendation for an incentive rate for its large commercial customers—mostly hotels on Saipan.

Georgetown claimed that the approach CUC used in ratemaking results in larger, high-load factor customers subsidizing low usage within the commercial class. This was described as currently a flaw in CUC's existing commercial rate structure.

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Farmers can apply for help on shipping costs

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REPORTER

CNMI farmers and ranchers now can get help to send their products to off-island markets as well as with the cost of importing fertilizers, seeds, and other production inputs through the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program of the U.S Department of Agriculture.

Earlier in the year, U.S. Congress reauthorized the program in the 2014 Farm Bill and the USDA's Farm Service Agency announced earlier this week that sign-ups begin on July 21, 2014.

The RTCP will provide assistance to geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. That means producers who are located in remote areas.

Camacho

The program reimburses producers for a portion of the transportation cost for transporting their agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity.

According to Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, they had applied for the program three years ago and he is encouraging farmers to apply again.

"This will help subsidize the costs and total expense of farmers. It is a good program and incentive and also helps with the cost and I am encouraging all NMI farmers to apply to this program," Camacho said.

U.S Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) is also encouraging farmers to apply for the program.

"I encourage farmers and ranchers to enroll in the program. Be sure to save all transportation-related receipts as evidence of your expenses," he said.

The program's eligible commodities include: aquaculture, feed, fiber, floriculture, food, horticulture (including trees), insects, and livestock.

Those eligible have be "geographically disadvantaged farmer or rancher" producing, marketing, and transporting an agricultural commodity in an approved area, provide proof of the amount of costs earned, average non-farm income that does not exceed $500,000, and be a citizen or a legal resident alien of the United States.

Commercial fishermen are not eligible to receive the benefits of the RTCP program.

For more information, contact Thomas Camacho, FSA county director, at (670) 236-0896 or email him at thomas.camacho@pb.usda.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Office of the Mayor of Saipan's Dog Control Program with The Humane Society of the United States-Humane Society International Ask for Community Support on Dog Population Survey

Beginning Sunday, June 1st through Saturday, June 7th, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan's Dog Control Program, in conjunction with the Humane Society of the United States-Humane Society International and local residents will be conductiong pet population surveys in villages across Saipan.

The purpose of the survey is to determine the number of both owned and free-roaming animals and those villages in greatest need of animal care and support. The Survey is being conducted in preparation to develop a long-term sustainable animal care and control program for Saipan, which will include access to spay and neuter services for residents in need. Spaying and neutering animals prevents them from breeding and causing more unwanted animals. Pets that are spayed and neutered are less likely to be aggressive, bite or get into fights with other animals and are healthier and live longer lives.

The door-to-door questionnaire contains 10 questions and should take 5 minutes for each household to complete. All information collected is anonymous.

A volunteer orientation will be held at the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Ladera Center Building (2nd floor) Beach Road at 10am and again at 1pm on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Any volunteers wishing to assist with these efforts can contact the Office of the Mayor of Saipan at 234-6208 or Spencer Marchadesch at (671)898-4743.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 30, 2006

US military prepares for next century
The U.S. military's reshaping of its forces in the western Pacific is aimed at preparing for the "needs of the nation" in the next century and not because of concerns about China's increasing military buildup in the region, according to Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig Jr., commander of the Naval Forces Marianas. Leidig explained that the reshaping of the U.S. military forces in the western Pacific is not directed at any specific threat. "We are working to shape up forces so that we are properly positioned for the needs of our country in the next century," Leidig told the media shortly after the Memorial Day ceremony at the Susupe Veterans Memorial Park in Susupe.

Power supply stability: The Okinawa experience
NAHA, Okinawa—A decade ago, this isolated southern prefecture of Japan generated 100 percent of its electrical power from diesel-fuel generators. Today, with the price of petroleum products skyrocketing, Okinawa has dramatically reduced its dependence on imported oil and produces only 22 percent of its electricity from diesel generators. Okinawa Electrical Power Company, the prefecture's only power company, now relies on coal to produce 77 percent of its electricity. The remaining 1 percent is generated by renewable energy sources, primarily solar and wind power. Satoru Matayoshi, Okinawa Electrical Power Company's engineering liaison group leader, says the utility changed its fuel source mix to reduce costs to the company. That keeps costs under control for consumers.

May 30, 2007

Liquidated Fund assets expected to top $39M
The NMI Retirement Fund expects to withdraw some $39 million of its investment assets by Sept. 30, 2007. In his report to the Fund board of trustees yesterday, NMIRF comptroller Noel Soria said the pension program will have to liquidate another $1.2 million worth of assets on May 31, 2007. The Retirement Fund needs the cash to pay retiree benefits. Assets must be liquidated because the Fund has insufficient cash flow due to the government's failure to remit its employer contribution. Soria said withdrawals are now averaging $2.4 million a month. Thursday's withdrawal will bring the total to $22.4 million.

Dotts: It's the end for all CNMI garment factories
Once the new minimum wage reaches $4.05 next year, there will be no more garment factories on Saipan, according to a lawyer representing many garment manufacturers on the island. Attorney Michael Dotts, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said he believes that with the passage of the new minimum wage rate, most of the factories still on the island have only one year to go. "Some factories feel that they could afford a wage rate of up to close to $4 per hour and some feel that they can't really afford any wage increase at all," he said.

May 30, 2008

Some alien workers backed out from filing small claims
Some alien workers who were advised by the Department of Labor to file small claims to collect their administrative awards went to court yesterday but soon backed out upon learning that it will their responsibility to serve their complaints to their previous employers. "How can we serve our complaints to our previous employers when in fact they just shut down their factory, abandoned us, and left the CNMI?" one of the four workers who went to the Superior Court yesterday told Saipan Tribune.

DPL urged: Stop new public land leases
The Senate has urged the Department of Public Lands to hold off any new public land leases on Saipan while there are pending applications for village homesteads. The resolution, adopted by the Upper House, said that new public land leases must be suspended so homestead applicants can be entertained. The original resolution proposed to include Tinian and Rota but Sen. Paterno Hocog asked that the two senatorial districts be removed. Sen. Joseph Mendiola agreed, saying that a suspension of public land leases may jeopardize Tinian and Rota's efforts to attract developers to stir up their economies. There are approximately 4,000 homestead applicants waiting for their homestead lot assignments.

Ex-convict gets 57 mos. in prison for possession of guns and bullets

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U. S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has imposed a 57-month prison term on Jesus S. Palacios, an ex-convict in Guam who was found guilty of illegal possession of two guns and 27 bullets.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Manglona gave Palacios credit for 277 days of time served.

Upon completing the prison sentence, Palacios will be placed on five years of supervised release. He was required to perform 100 hours of community service.

Palacios was prohibited from possessing a firearm, ammunition, or other dangerous weapons. He was ordered to participate in a substance abuse program.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy recommended a 57-month prison term pursuant to the advisory sentencing guideline range.

Attorney Mark Scoggins, counsel for Palacios, recommended 46 months in prison.

Last Dec. 4, 2013, a jury returned a guilty verdict against the 52-year-old Palacios on all six counts.

Months later, in February, Judge Manglona granted a motion to vacate the convictions on five of the six charges.

Manglona vacated Palacios' convictions on two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and/or ammunition, and three counts of unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm and/or ammunition.

Manglona issued the order after Palacios, through counsel Scoggins, moved to vacate his convictions on the five charges of the indictment on double-jeopardy grounds, as multiplicitous of his conviction on one charge.

Manglona said the six counts charge the defendant with a single instance of unlawful firearms and ammunition possession under two different sections of the law.

The judge said Palacios asserts, and the U.S. government agrees, that under these circumstances only one conviction may enter.

The filing of the indictment arose from an incident in April 2013 when police arrested Palacios for allegedly beating up his wife in front of their child and pointing a gun at her head when she refused to give him money.

The then 4-year-old boy told police that he witnessed the beating of his mother and that he also saw his father smoke "ice" and has four guns.

Police learned that Palacios was arrested in Guam in 1997 and charged with murder, manslaughter, and possession of a gun without an ID. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

Local short films shown free on June 6

To celebrate World Ocean's Day on June 6, First Friday Films is inviting the public to view three local short films that explore the CNMI's environment and natural resources at American Memorial Park on Friday, June 6, at 6:30pm.

Community members, families, tourists, and locals alike will all enjoy these locally-made movies showing beautiful insight into three aspects of the Northern Mariana Islands.

First, engage with volunteers in *Talakhaya: the Luta Livelihoods Project* where local agencies and community members work together every year to prevent fires from destroying soils and vegetation and ultimately damaging our nearshore marine resources in Rota.

Next, we will continue to explore Rota to learn with *Fanihi: A Cultural Digest* to better understand the ever-changing interactions between people and the beloved fruit bat populations there.

Finally, we will view *Laolao Bay: from Ridge to Reef* to learn about the ways that our land is connected to the oceans. Local researchers, managers, and marine biologists explain the diversity of Laolao Bay's heritage and natural rseouces in this film.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 90 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fffsaipan@gmail.com or check out www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. ***(BECQ)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-096

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 16, 2014 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHCC

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday June 3, 2014 in the Governor's Conference Room 1st Floor Juan Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following is the proposed agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Public Comment
III. Adoption of Agenda
IV. Executive Session
V. Return to Public Session
VI. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

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EDITORIAL

Beijing's hardheaded stance won't stop the killing

China's problems stemming from minorities in the west of the country—particularly the Uighurs, but also the Tibetans—do not seem to be coming to an end. Given Beijing's approach, it will not be solved soon.

The most recent attack occurred last Thursday in Urumqi, in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region. Suicide bombs from two SUVs killed at least 31 and wounded 94 at a popular morning garden market. Some suspect that the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a separatist group, may have played a role.

The bombing apparently was timed to embarrass President Xi Jinping while he hosted a summit of 26 nations in Shanghai. It also came on the heels of Xi's signing with Russian President Vladimir V. Putin a 30-year natural gas deal, estimated at $400 billion. The plan is to the advantage of both countries and permits Putin to showcase his country's alternatives if the West chooses to shun Russia over the Ukraine crisis.

The newest attack followed other recent violence. On April 30 an explosion in a train station in Urumqi killed three people and wounded 79 after Xi finished a visit to the region. In March, 29 people were killed in a mass knife attack in the city of Kunming in the country's southwest region. The perpetrators of the knifing incident were Uighurs, a Muslim ethnic group.

The rising violence by Uighurs reflects an increase in the number of their fighters and the sophistication of their tactics and weapons. Both are almost certainly results of the experience their militants have gained in the Syrian civil war and other such conflicts that have involved extremist Muslim forces.

The Beijing government does not seem to know what to do about the Uighurs or the Tibetans. In both cases, Beijing has tried to flood their regions with Han Chinese and station more People's Liberation Army forces there. But the Tibetans continue to resist through self-immolations and the Uighurs through more violent assaults.

If it really wants to stem the violence, Beijing should think instead in terms of dialogue and greater political and economic freedom, tools that are used too infrequently by the Communists.

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Well, it's time for me to go now but I'll be back sometime soon. Save me a place if you wouldn't mind.
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Five pieces of advice for NMC graduates

Editor's Note: The following is the text of the keynote address Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio delivered at the 2014 Northern Marianas College Commencement Exercises on May 24, 2014.

By TERESA KIM-TENORIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Teresa Kim-Tenorio is an associate judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

Hafa adai, honored guests, family members of the graduates, NMC's faculty and staff, and most importantly, graduates.

Congratulations! Well done!

When President Hart called me a month ago and told me the graduates had selected me to deliver remarks today, she said my remarks could be like my judicial investiture address. She described my remarks as one of "determination, perseverance…a message of inspiration." I called my husband, thereafter, and told him about her call. I said, "I don't know what I would say to the graduates. I think Dr. Hart wants me to 'inspire' them. But I think I used up all my 'inspiration' in my investiture address. And I can't deliver the same speech again, right?" So while I was debating whether to accept the invitation or not, my husband said, "You know, they chose you and it's a great honor to be chosen." And he is right! It is, indeed, a privilege to stand before you and be able to be a part of this success in your journey.

So what kind of message do I deliver to you? Well, first, I would like to give you a few pieces of advice; a few ingredients for life's recipe to success. But, these advices come with a disclaimer. Actually two. One, just because I'm giving you these advices doesn't mean I follow them myself every single time. The advices I'm about to share with you are ones I struggle with myself. Ones I have failed to follow at times, ones I have successfully followed at other times but still, ones I believe in and take to heart. And two, they are not "originals." I didn't come up with them in some moment of awe. I too was given these advices on my journey from others at various points in my life.

So my first advice comes from Winston Churchill. He said: Success is not final *and* failure is not fatal. Don't feel defeated when things don't go as planned, when you don't get that job you want, or when you don't pass that license or certification exam. Do not raise the white flag! Do not feel ashamed and *do not* let it define you. If you do, *that* failure becomes a permanent failure. Sulk for a bit, re-assess, and try again. You simply don't give up! And while failure may not be fatal, success is not necessarily final. To truly be successful, you must continuously work at it. As an example, I know many of you are graduating with degrees as educators. Earning that degree is today's success. However, that's not the end of the road. That success is not final. You will continue to receive training, continue to revise lesson plans and try different methods; you will continue to do what is needed to be successful as a teacher.

Advice #2: Your chosen profession is not yours alone. You will not be the only one in the world in your profession. You are but a temporary occupant of a permanent position. So serve in your capacity with the utmost integrity. Leave a lasting legacy for your future colleagues in your profession. I, too, remind myself every time I climb the bench that I am a temporary occupant of a permanent office. I strive to be a fair judge by preserving the integrity of the Judiciary. So, remember that whatever career you choose, there are others following behind you.

Advice #3: Don't step on those who helped you get to the top, because they will be there on your way back down. Simply put: Don't be pompous! When you become "somebody" you may make new friends, new associates. But don't forget your family, friends, colleagues who stand by you today! Those who will help you become that "somebody." Should you need them in the future, their response *or* lack of response will be the result of your own doing. Don't expect the folks you've snubbed while you were up there to catch you if you come crashing down. Be humble!

Advice #4: Albert Einstein said: Don't do the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. Because that is *insane*. While Einstein's interpretation may be different than mine, the intent is the same: to get to the right, or desired, result. We can be creatures of habit. At times, whether it's in our careers or in our personal lives, we tend to approach matters the same way—the way we were taught or the way we think it should be done. It may not always work, but we do it over and over again, thinking the second, third, or fourth time around, it will work. And still it doesn't. Recognize those situations and their outcomes. Be ready to change; to adapt, to learn. Don't be insane.

Advice #5: Probably the most important advice. Don't lose sight of the people who gave you your best chance. I'm talking about the folks on the bleachers: your parents, your spouses, your siblings, your children, your best friend…your loved ones! For nagging you to complete your college education; for creating a positive environment in order that you may reach your goal; for relieving you of some of your responsibilities, like caring for your children, while you focused on your classes. Those are the folks here with you. The ones who share that degree with you at heart; the ones who believed in you! I am certain, that today, at this moment, they are prouder of you than you are of yourself!

These are the five pieces of advice I share with you today.

Now, I'd like to talk to you about your duty as a member of the CNMI family, your duty to give back. The Commonwealth does not and will not flourish on its own, but rather with all of you. Professionally, give back by establishing your careers here in the CNMI.

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Ascension

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"… The third day
he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead …."

From the Apostles Creed is the familiar line above we learned in Sunday school.

We'll skip the liturgical tradition. Religion as the expression of a creedal statement (belief) went out of the window before my time; creedal pronouncements as part of authentic religious practice focuses more on honoring ties to tradition. They do not clarify our understanding but it makes us feel comfortable about the life that religion celebrates!

Creedal statements, unfortunately, got literally translated into physical science in Christendom, so Ascension Day has emerged to many as a literal lifting up of Jesus from Mt. Olives into the sky 40 days after the empty tomb, forgetting that the 40-day metaphor is a sacrosanct numerical unit, in the same way as the 40 days prior to Holy Saturday from Ash Wednesday recollects Jesus' 40 days in the desert of fasting, penitence, and abstinence. Further back, it echoes the 40 years of the Jewish wandering in Sinai before crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land. The physiological metaphoric got taken literally with the creedal statement.

HH in Herman Hesse's popular short story, the *Journey to the East,* was "unfaithful" to his vows as a member of a League's journey when an enabling servant disappears as a test to HH and the rest of the journey folks. HH did not fare well and struggled with his memory until he ran into the League again and asked to be taken back. The story ends with HH deciding to forego his persona so that Leo the servant can ascend, a classical motif of Jesus ascendant role in Christianity.

Though the story ends with HH surrendering his identity to Leo (also a Islamic theme), it still makes the Hellenic mistake of idolatrizing the messenger to the detriment of clearly understanding the message. Defacing the reputation and image of a liberator Moses, a messianic Jesus, or an enlightened Mohammed, is a grievous mistake among adherents inspired by the three. Not following the teachings is ignored.

To put ascension in today's language is to ask: "What makes your life so significant and meaningful that it is worth living?" One's "ultimate concern" defines the answer.

Many in our readership are stuck with the Ptolemaic geocentric view of the universe that medieval Christendom appropriated in continuing its two-story picture of earthly life, making heaven and hell literal places in their cosmology, and a gracious cosmic finger responsible for charting the destinies of their lives.

However, it was not the boy from the hills of Galilee who later ascended from Mt. Olive that we are asked to idolize. What ascended was the final triumph of the life-style chronicled by followers of a crucified and resurrected sense—feeling, cognition, and behavior that became the "ultimate concern."

The Jews in Jesus time waited for a Messiah to liberate them from the Romans. It took Hitler and the Nazis to awaken the Jews as a people to quit waiting. There is much about Israel's treatment of Palestinians that I do not approve of, but I am clear that tired of being blamed for the death of the Christian hero, they finally built an Israel where they are taking history and human science by the nose.

The future of nation-states is under close scrutiny, and Israel's Shimon Peres is lucid enough to say that nations do not represent settled real estate, e.g., Israel across the Jordan, but the impulse to seek significance and meaning in the living of human life. President Peres is articulating his "ultimate concern."

Ascension is better understood outside the incensed clouds of CK Cathedral to the light of day at Subalu Market. The indigene will not "ascend" by telling CWs and their families to "get out." The indigene's challenge is not ownership of the CNMI real estate but rather, ze meaningful and significant participation in the journey of humankind.

What is the journey of humankind? A journey theme in early Chinese history was undertaken to retrieve sacred papers in the *Journey to the West,* one of China's four great literary works, aka *Monkey King* in Western TV. Herman Hesse wrote the *Journey to the East*, a journey into sacred practices of personalities and movements. A sci-fi account of a *Journey to the Center of the World* is entertaining but needs an update.

The human journey in our time is a *Journey to the Center.* It begins with the sensual world inventoried by science even as humans discover their abilities to see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Then to the poetic skill of existential contemplation and meditation, and to the interactive exchanges of word and numerical symbols made possible by the Internet and smartphones. This is capped by collaborative behavior, conscious of the limits of cognition, the consequences of contradiction and conflict, and the promise of consensus and cooperation.

Might we start reflecting and setting down our version of that journey, up close and personal? I am doing mine. Why not do yours? Rise. Ascend.

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The CNMI has come a long way. Many of our residents are now educators, doctors, lawyers, engineers, accountants, nurses. But we clearly need more and you are the best persons to fill those roles. This is your home, and you have a stake in seeing it improve. I remember when I first returned back home after having left to obtain my college and law degrees. I had only planned to stay for a couple years and return to the States. I decided the opportunities were better there. Things changed and I stayed. Although the reasons for staying were many, I realized that even if I returned to the States, my parents would still be here. I also realized that at some point, I would come back home. The CNMI was suffering through the most challenging economic times. This is my home, where I would live out my life, and where my children and my future grandchildren will grow. I had a duty to do my part to make it what it once was and to help improve it. Graduates, this is our home! Do your part; take ownership and be a part of the solution for a better Commonwealth.

In your personal capacity, give back by volunteering. Volunteer in your community. Share your skills, your passions, your resources. Before ascending to the bench, I served as a board member for the American Red Cross for about nine years, I served on the Marianas High School PTA for several years, I served in the CNMI Bar Association, among other organizations. I volunteered, not only because it gave me satisfaction in helping the community, but also because I knew I was investing in and strengthening our community. When you give, your community gives back to you. Pay it forward.

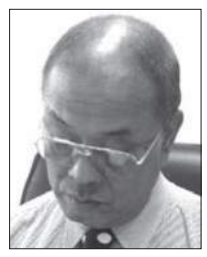
Congratulations once again! Thank you for inviting me to be a part of your graduation. While I see behind me and around me the governor, NMC's president, my colleagues on the bench, members of the 18th Legislature, the mayor of Saipan, other dignitaries, in front of me I see and had the privilege of addressing our future governor, our future congressmen and women, the future NMC president, future educators, doctors, attorneys, judges…the CNMI's future! What an honor for me!

Thank you, *si yuus maase, olomway!*

Inadiñgan pot tano`ta

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



Bes enkuando ta diskute hafa minaulegña `sino difektoña i Attikulu Dose. Guaha dumiseha na u masustene mientras i otru patte para u matulaika. Umatotpe didog sentimenton tradision kontra disposision.

Komprendiyon i mafafama na priniponen tinilaika. Gi mismo tiempu mampos na chatsaga i para tayute` ñaihon man-dueñon tanu kumu natibu ni inestablesen tradision deste antigu na tiempu.

Gaige guennau na pisu i tradision tanu`. Esta pa`gu man-gagaige ha` espiritun mañainata gi este siha na tanu`. Dañkulu dinidahu na i sakrifisiun niha mafañagu gi hilu` para mabende uttimu guinaha-ta soluke para usun i manatatatte na famaguon-ta.

Na ti esta pa`gu ta u`usa i tanu` para pinegsai yan tinanom mantension familia ni inestablesen tradision? Na ti magahet na esta pa`gu ta bisisita i lanchun familia gi finagpo` cho`chu` yan uttimon semana?

Dispues, para ta malefan ñaihon tradision mañaina-ta ni umusa i tanu` gi sinistenen familia deste antigu na tiempu? Hafa na gigon chatsaga i tiempu listu i natibu ha falague i lanchu? Na ti pot tradision gumualu`?

Hu a`atan mona futturon famaguonta pot este na asuntu. Ti listuyu` humuñgog ginen naftanhu man-a`adiñgan dispues gi hilu` puti na minahalañg espiritun niha na guaha ti kabales gi ha`anen niha kumu famaguon tanu`. Ti hu guiguife pumadese destrosiau na diniseha gi tradision tanu`.

Espiritun Natibu

Hafa na esta pa`gu metgot gi halom natibu espiritun antigu na mañainan Chamorro? Na ti siha umusa diariu i tanu` pot probision yan mantension familia? Na ti ennau na usu `nai mafañagu tradision natibu? Na ti magahet na debi u guaha respetu gi tradision-ta?

Ginen este siha na tanu` `nai machuda` masahalom niha pot para umana` fan la`la` i manmofo`na na hinerasion antes de si bisguelu. Poresu, i achon tradision machuchule` mage ya hita pa`gu man-maentrega pot proteksion tanu` Chamorro. Este na puntu sumen presisu kon sinsiyu na respetu gi man-mofona.

Ti mahasñgon

Estaba un` primuhu gi hiyuñg poker na esta fumofofu pot dispetdision monedan familia. Era estaba i asaguaña na sige humugandu.

Hu ñañgun na u adiñgan i dos pot obligasion familia.

"Hagu un` disidi manu gi dos, i salape`mu pat asaguamu".

Ensegidas ha oppeyu` na i asaguaña.

"Ke pues po`lu ya hu petsige bisioña dispetdisiu". Ilegña na ti hu keke ayudague`. Hu lapbla tatte na gaige i asuntu gi patman kanaiña.

■■■

Mamaisen amiguhu haf` na huntan tanu` makondudukta giya Kagman. Hu esplika na pot Attikulu Dose. Ha yeñgyoñg iluña sa` kulan mampos te`ug i asuntu.

"Hamyu la`mon fan apatte maseha haf` na tanu` sineda` miyu. Lau chatmiyu umestotoba i naftanhu sa` guaha hu hafot halom". Ai na grasia.

■■■

Sige fumofu i malañgu pot kada ratu matulaika amotña pot mas ke un` mes na tiempu. Hu atrebi fumaisen kau guaha `nai ha konbetsasiune medikuña. Ilegña, "Hungan, lau guiya fuminu` E-Eñglis mientras guahu finu` Chamorro. Doble babichi!'" Gupot!

■■■

Gaige gi un` banda amiguhu Magoo sige ha lapblague` na taya` ha huhuñgog programan otru siha kandidatu para mayot Saipan.

"A`mauleg este mage a`guaha progrman a`galagu. A`dulalag este mage, a`dulalag este guatu, a`kone este mage, a`presu pues a`punu` ya ha yute` este guatu". Ai chalegña `nai hu ñañgon na u dispasiu sa` ti tanu` ga`ga` Saipan.

■■■

Masuette amiguhu haggan betde. Gigon ha papa i kara sanpapa` hu sohgue un` pusuelon haga` ya hu gimen. Nina` matman pot mattu gi yahu katnen haggan. Solu na ga`ga siña hu gimen haga`ña sin ditension. Kontodu mata` mantika yan sensin libianu hu ñgañgas piot ya guaha dididi` asiga yan done` sali. Paire flitadaña!

■■■

Hombre `an guahu muna` gasgas kachu`, yellow fin pat mahimahi (dofin), monhayan hu kanu` patteghu antes de madibanan sashimi para i lamasa. Mañge` diberas fresku na kineni` guihan gi todu atmos bandan rubentason.

■■■

Antes na fandañgun Chamorro, mauleg un` fa` amigo i kusuneru. Gigon ha hatsa finatinasña nina`e hau dididi` para un` chage. Dispues de dies putahe na chage, kasse esta siña humihot hau gi kemon `sino alulaye para i gima` ya un` deskansaye sa` esta degula hau.

■■■

Man-mauleg na kusuneru hu fagcha`e antes. Dos gi halom siha patlinuhu. Paire yan paupau finatinas niha todu klasen putahen neñkanu` natibu. Taya parehuña mañge` bistek babue ni mana` loglug estake te`ug yan appan. Piot `nai maplanta tininon tinala` guihan yan katne ni malumos gi finadeni dinanche yan titiyas mai`es dispues mana` okakahat asnentukon atulai. Po`lu ya dispues de tafan a`ali`e yan mediku. Dios mihu!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Joseph Pangelinan and David Sablan

Every person on Saipan needs to get the Wednesday, May 28, edition of the papers and carefully read Mr. Pangelinan's opinion on Article 12, especially his third paragraph. Those lucky few, very few, that had beachfront or other desirable land and leased it for hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars back in the heydays have spent the past 20 years or so using that money to prey on their fellow NMDs in the guise of "helping my fellow citizens." They hear about a family's misfortune and swoop down with a lowball bid for their land. You know who you are and you are not astute or clever businessmen; you are exploiters of the worst kind. When you Chamorros and Carolinians find yourselves homeless and on the street, don't expect any help from these despicable people, or their kids, many of whom will be in charge of things. Every single NMD that still has any land left, please listen to Mr. Pangelinan and Mr. Sablan. Thank you, David, for your article last week.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼76°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲105	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85	▼80
Honolulu	Sunny	▲81	▼72
London	Showers	▲66	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼61
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼76
New York	Showers	▲63	▼52
Osaka	Sunny	▲83	▼64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼51
Pusan	Sunny	▲76	▼63
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Salem	Showers	▲64	▼48
San Francisco	Sunny	▲66	▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼59
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼65
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲85	▼61

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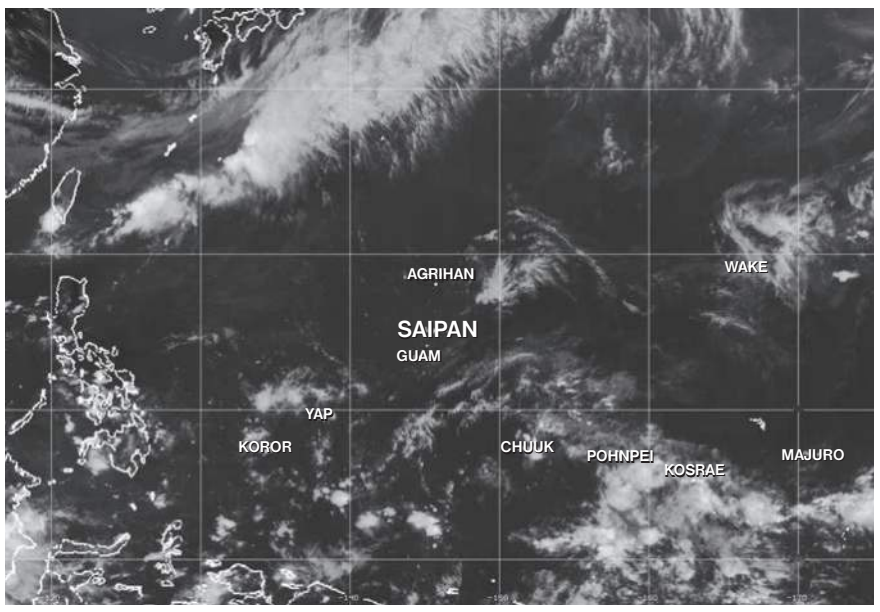

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Saipan Harbor

3:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:01 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
3:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
10:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:59 AM	7:07 PM
Friday	6:49 AM	7:57 PM
Saturday	7:39 AM	8:45 PM
Sunday	8:29 AM	9:31 PM
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Graduates of the Saipan Southern High School's Nursing Assistant Program are presented with their certificates of completion at Kanoa Resort on May 17. At right is Registered Nurse Douglas Miller.

SSHS' nursing assistant trainees graduate

Another successful cohort of Saipan Southern High School seniors recently completed their tenure as Nursing Assistant trainees and were recognized in a graduation ceremony held at Kanoa Resort on May 17, 2014.

In collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Northern Marianas College's AHEC Program, and the Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Agency, this batch of students were provided guidance and subsidy to be able to complete the rigorous, one-year Nursing Assistant Program as offered by Saipan Southern High School.

In attendance for at this year's ceremony included SSHS acting principal Jonathan Cabrera, CHCC CEO Esther Muña, CNMI Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero, instructors Leticia Reyes and Douglas Miller, as well as numerous family and friends of the graduates. ***(PR)***

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Compensation: Position will be filled and paid at a rate commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform.

Application: Applications may be obtained from Mita Travel, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan. The detailed job description is available for review by applicants. Deadline for submission of completed application is on June 3rd, 2014 at 5:00PM.

Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, June 5th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of May 8th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use Application #2014-1558: NGC Saipan, LLC is proposing to operate a boating/ canoeing business in Susupe lake area. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the Public Resource district as a Conditional Use. The center (check-in) and snack bar for this activity will be located on lot 005 H 79 in Susupe, zoned as Village Residential.
2. Conditional Use Application #2014-1792: Dongbei S. Inc. dba Diamond Water is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse facility on Lot 1877-3-1-R1 in Gualo Rai for water bottling operation. This use is classified as "Manufacturing and Processing" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is the former location of Elite Printing, southeast of Marpac, and is zoned as Village Commercial.
3. Conditional Use Application #2014-1106: H.S. Lee Construction is proposing to construct a 3-storey hotel with 36 rooms and commercial spaces on TR 21073 and TR 21074 on Beach Road, Garapan. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located north of Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center, and across from I Love Saipan building. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communications/ Reports
D. Old Business
1. Update on Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2013, authored by Representative Larry I. Deleon Guerrero, 18th CNMI Legislature

E. New Business
1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.
G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
H.S. Lee Construction

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Date: June 5th, 2014, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
Diamond Water

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NMC highlights its new public administration program

Commonwealth government employees and others interested can now earn an associate degree or a certificate in public administration without leaving the CNMI. The program is made possible through a partnership that the Northern Marianas College recently forged with Rio Salado College, the largest online public community college in the United States.

According to NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart, the partnership with Rio Salado allows students to take their general education or core classes at NMC and then transfer to Rio Salado if they would like to pursue degrees that NMC does not currently offer, like an associate degree in public administration, law enforcement, addictions and substance abuse, paralegal, dental office management, and more.

"It is a win-win situation for NMC, for our students, and for the Commonwealth," said Hart.

To complete the degree requirements for the associate degree in Public Administration, students need to complete a total of 64 credits of coursework. Most of these courses—43 credits of them—can be taken at NMC. The other remaining 21 course credits can be completed online through Rio Salado, said Barbara Merfalen, NMC dean of Academic Programs and Services.

The certificate in public administration is 18 credits.

A public administration degree or certificate is ideal for government employees and those who are seeking to advance their professional growth in public service agencies. The courses include topics on finance, communication, organizational behavior, teamwork, and management styles.

"The degree is also ideal for those positions currently filled by guest workers," said Hart. "These positions include managers, chief executives, administrative service managers, and other related positions."

In addition to an associate in public administration, students can also earn the following certificate and degrees as a result of NMC's partnership with Rio Salado College: AAS degree in Law Enforcement; AAS degree in Addictions and Substance Abuse; certificate in Professional Addiction; AAS degree in Paralegal; certificate in Computer Usage Applications; certificate in Networking; certificate in Digital Design; certificate in Web Design; certificate in Adult Development and Aging; certificate in E Learning; AAS degree in Dental Office Management; certificate in Creative Writing; certificate in K-12 eLearning Design; and certificate in STEM for K-12.

According to Hart, Rio Salado College is so successful with its online offerings that all degree and certificate programs begin every Monday morning, in lieu of the traditional start date of 2-3 times per year.

"What makes this an even greater benefit for our residents is now that the CNMI is a member of WICHE, they can enroll at Rio Salado at a significant savings," said Hart.

The CNMI's membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education allows residents to be qualified for discounted tuition rates at colleges and universities in 15 western U.S. states. Rio Salado's tuition rate for WICHE students is $121.50 per semester hour, which makes the courses very affordable for CNMI students. Prior to membership in WICHE, the cost was over $300 per credit.

Rio Salado College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. The Northern Marianas College is currently accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It is currently seeking accreditation through the Senior Commission of WASC. ***(NMC)***

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NMC recently formed a partnership with Rio Salado College, the largest online public community college in the United States. Seated from left, Rio Salado president Dr. Chris Bustamante and NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. Standing from left, Josh Sasamoto and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofchneider. This photo was taken at a recent meeting of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

PDM Promoters' cleanup hauls 1,180 lbs of trash

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

It seems like the amount of trash is increasing once again at the Garapan tourist district after PDM Promoters, Inc. collected 1,180 lbs of garbage in the area on Monday, May 26.

The non-profit group's coordinator, Sonia Siwa, said they did their cleanup on Memorial Day instead of their regular Saturday schedule.

"Instead of Saturday, we did our cleanup Monday and unfortunately the Saipan Awaodori kids were not able to join us because some of them have their school activities," Siwa said.

Last Monday's cleanup was spearheaded by volunteers from Kinpachi Restaurant.

Compared to April's cleanup, which yielded 820 lbs of trash, they had more trash to pick up this time. Siwa said majority of the 1,180 lbs of trash the 13 Kinpachi volunteers collected were mostly dead leaves clogging drainages, cigarette butts, and other types of trash.

"As usual we did bush-cutting and trimming of the plants at the Paseo de Marianas," Siwa said.

Trash collecting and trimming was done from Winchell's Road toward the whole section of Coral Tree Avenue.

"We also cleaned out the bushes that is clogging the drainage roadside of American Memorial Park," Siwa said.

She hopes that the Saipan Awaodori members will join them in their next regular monthly cleanup.

PDM Promoters is community group known for its cultural dance group, the Saipan Awaodori Team, and for keeping the Paseo de Marianas clean throughout the year.

The group's monthly cleanups collect close to or more than 1,000 lbs of trash.

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Kinpachi Restaurant employees pose in front of the restaurant after a hard work of collecting trash, trimming, raking, and cutting grass in Garapan.

RED CROSS TRAININGS

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 3, at 6pm: Adult First Aid/CPR/AED (session 1 of 2)
- Tuesday, June 3, at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED
- Thursday, June 5, at 6pm: First Aid

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(PR)***

Villasin Lizama burial on Saturday

The family of the late Villasin Lizama is on Saipan to give their mother a decent burial on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Tanapag Cemetery. Viewing will start at 7:30am. Mass will follow at the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel at 8am.

Lizama's remains have already been at the CHC morgue for three months, as her family in the Philippines had to first secure proper immigration papers to be able to come to Saipan.

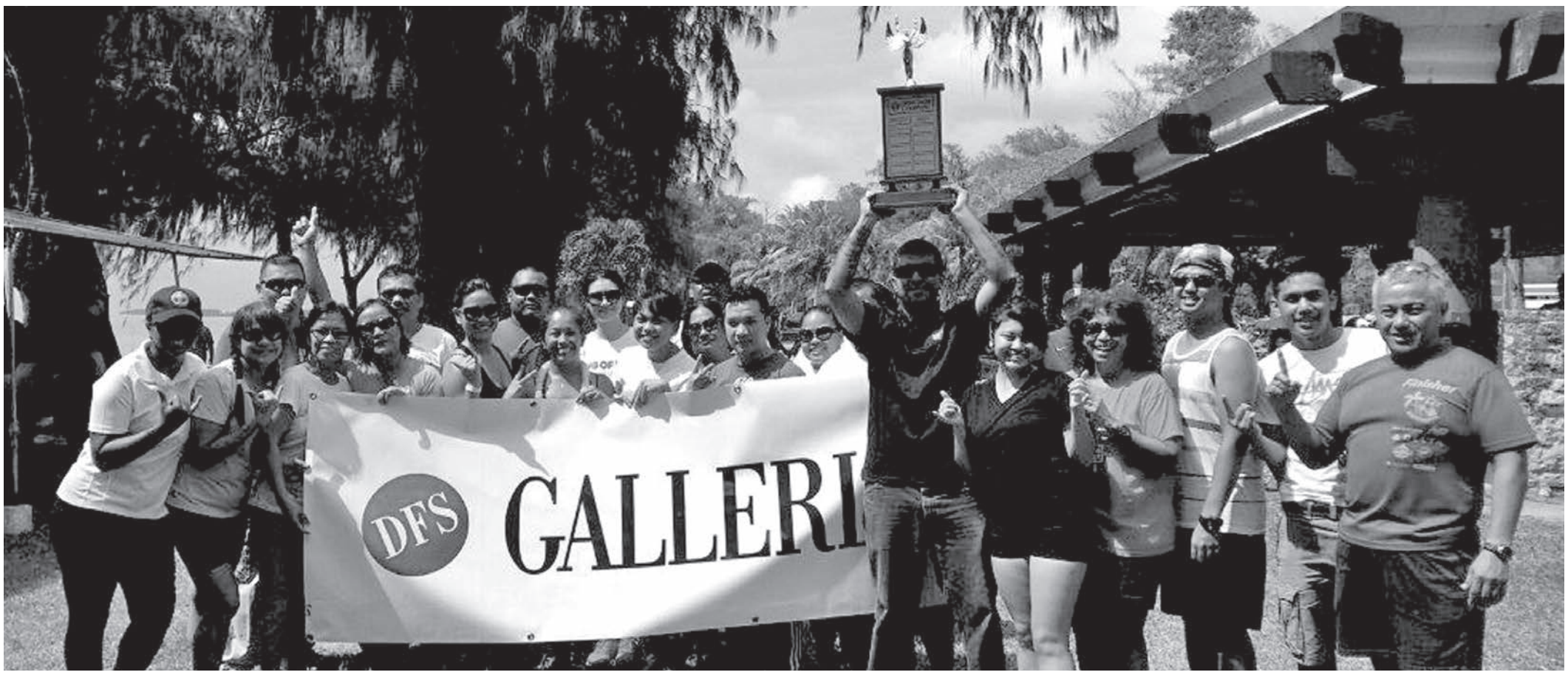
According to the United Filipino Organizations, which is facilitating the burial and is hosting Lizama's family, the family needs monetary assistance to pay for the funeral services and other expenses. Those who would like of help may call or text Liezelen Beltran (daughter) at 989-6375 or UFO president Annamae Adaza at 483-5237.

UFO also extends its gratitude to the Saipan Mayor's Office, Esther Muña, Tina Borja, Mague Taimanao Mendoza, Rick and Reggie Kautz, Borge Castaneda, Geoffrey Melchor, Lito and Malou Mendoza, Ms. Linda of Office on Aging, New Paradise Florist, and Socorro Huliganga. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

WEDDED BLISS

Happy wedding anniversary to Joe and Diane Sablan! May the Lord bless you both with many more years to love. Cheers to another special day for you both. Greetings come from the kids, grandkids, and your Masga-Sablan family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

2014 Corporate Challenge



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Duty Free Shoppers Saipan shows off their first place trophy after winning the 2014 Corporate Challenge.

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A Duty Free Shoppers team performs a dance and jingle with Saipanda at the 2014 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge on Sunday, May 25, at the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe.

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IT&E employees show their strength during the favorite event, the Tug of War, during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge on Sunday, May 25, at the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe.

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Employees of Delta Management Corp., which operates Shell gas stations on Saipan, pose with their Spirit Award after Sunday's 2014 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge. The event was held at the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe.

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IT&E places second in this year's edition of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Corporate Challenge.

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Hyatt Regency Saipan employees perform and do their jingle.

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Delta Management Corp. employees are shown doing their dance performance at the Corporate Challenge.

Business

Median CEO pay crosses $10M in 2013

NEW YORK (AP)—They're the $10 million men and women.

Propelled by a soaring stock market, the median pay package for a CEO rose above eight figures for the first time last year. The head of a Standard & Poor's 500 company earned a record $10.5 million, an increase of 8.8 percent from $9.6 million in 2012, according to an Associated Press/Equilar pay study.

Last year was the fourth straight that CEO compensation rose following a decline during the Great Recession. The median CEO pay package climbed more than 50 percent over that stretch. A chief executive now makes about 257 times the average worker's salary, up sharply from 181 times in 2009.

The best paid CEO last year led an oilfield-services company. The highest paid female CEO was Carol Meyrowitz of discount retail giant TJX, owner of TJ Maxx and Marshall's. And the head of Monster Beverage got a monster of a raise.

Over the last several years, companies' boards of directors have tweaked executive compensation to answer critics' calls for CEO pay to be more attuned to performance. They've cut back on stock options and cash bonuses, which were criticized for rewarding executives even when a company did poorly. Boards of directors have placed more emphasis on paying CEOs in stock instead of cash and stock options.

The change became a boon for CEOs last year because of a surge in stocks that drove the S&P 500 index up 30 percent. The stock component of pay packages rose 17 percent to $4.5 million.

"Companies have been happy with their CEOs' performance and the stock market has provided a big boost," says Gary Hewitt, director of research at GMI Ratings, a corporate governance research firm. "But we are still dealing with a situation where CEO compensation has spun out of control and CEOs are being paid extraordinary levels for their work."

AP

This photo combination shows, from left, Nabors Industries CEO Anthony Petrello, in Houston, and TJX CEO Carol Meyrowitz, in Framingham, Mass.

Top 10 highest-paid CEOs

NEW YORK (AP)—Here are the 10 highest-paid CEOs of 2013, as calculated by The Associated Press and Equilar, an executive pay research firm:

1. Anthony Petrello, Nabors Industries, $68.2 million, up 246 percent
2. Leslie Moonves, CBS, $65.6 million, up 9 percent
3. Richard Adkerson, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, $55.3 million, up 294 percent
4. Stephen Kaufer, TripAdvisor, $39 million, up 510 percent
5. Philippe Dauman, Viacom, $37.2 million, up 11 percent
6. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, $36.3 million, up 21 percent
7. Robert Iger, Walt Disney, $34.3 million, down 7 percent
8. David Zaslav, Discovery Communications, $33.3 million, down 33 percent
9. Jeffrey Bewkes, Time Warner, $32.5 million, up 27 percent
10. Brian Roberts, Comcast, $31.4 million, up 8 percent

The highest paid CEO was Anthony Petrello of oilfield-services company Nabors Industries, who made $68.3 million in 2013. Petrello's pay ballooned as a result of a $60 million lump sum that the company paid him to buy out his old contract.

Nabors Industries did not respond to calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Petrello was one of a handful of chief executives who received a one-time boost in pay because boards of directors decided to re-negotiate CEO contracts under pressure from shareholders. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold CEO Richard Adkerson also received a one-time payment of $36.7 million to renegotiate his contract. His total pay, $55.3 million, made him the third-highest paid CEO last year.

The second-highest paid CEO among companies in the S&P 500 was Leslie Moonves of CBS. Moonves' total compensation rose 9 percent to $65.6 million in 2013, a year when the company's stock rose nearly 70 percent.

After decades, dirty power plant to get clean

HOMER CITY, Pa. (AP)—Three years ago, the operators of one of the nation's dirtiest coal-fired power plants warned of "immediate and devastating" consequences from the Obama administration's push to clean up pollution from coal.

Faced with cutting sulfur dioxide pollution blowing into downwind states by 80 percent in less than a year, lawyers for EME Homer City Generation L.P. sued the Environmental Protection Agency to block the rule, saying it would cause it grave harm and bring a painful spike in electricity bills.

None of those dire predictions came to pass.

Instead, the massive western Pennsylvania power plant is expected in a few years to turn from one of the worst polluters in the country to a model for how coal-fired power plants can slash pollution.

The story of the Homer City plant reflects the precarious position of older coal-fired plants these days, squeezed between cheap and plentiful natural gas and a string of environmental rules the Obama administration has targeted at coal, which supplies about 40 percent of the nation's electricity. The latest regulation, the first proposal to curb earth-warming carbon dioxide from power plants, is due next week. It will pose yet another challenge to coal-fired power plants. Dozens of coal-fueled units have already announced they would close in the face of new rules.

But Homer City also shows how political and economic rhetoric sometimes doesn't match reality. Despite claims by Republicans and industry critics that the Obama administration's regulations will shut down coal-fired power plants, Homer City survived—partly because it bought itself time by tying up the regulation in courts. Even environmental groups that applaud each coal plant closing and protested Homer City's pollution, now say the facility is setting a benchmark for air pollution control that other coal plants should follow, even if it took decades.

Nation

N. Dakota tornado prompts safety discussion

WATFORD CITY, N.D. (AP)—No sirens or local alert system warned an RV park housing workers in North Dakota's oil patch about a Memorial Day tornado that injured nine people and damaged or destroyed 15 trailers.

Even with warning, there are scant places to take cover in the wide-open plain.

Though such weather is rare in the area, officials say the twister already has prompted discussion among companies and others about how to better protect the thousands of workers who have taken to temporary homes as they cash in on the region's booming industry.

McKenzie County Emergency Manager Jerry Samuelson said some oil companies have contacted him inquiring about shelters. He said the county might also discuss adding conditions to the zoning laws, though it might be cost prohibitive.

"We never had zoning laws in McKenzie County before the oil boom and now we do," he said. "And maybe that's something that needs to be incorporated into our zoning—if you're going to put up a big man camp up there, where is the shelter?"

The twister touched down about 7:50 p.m. Monday just south of Watford City, about 50 miles southeast of Williston. One of the nine people hurt was a 15-year-old girl who suffered critical injuries and was flown to a Minot hospital. The girl, who was visiting an aunt and uncle, was in an intensive-care unit but expected to survive, Samuelson said.

He did not release the girl's name or the community in which she lives. Eight other people were treated at a Watford City hospital for less serious injuries.

Tornadoes are rarely reported in McKenzie County, with only 14 since 1950, with no fatalities, according to weather service data. Monday's tornado was an EF-2 in strength on the 0-to-5 enhanced Fujita or EF scale, the weather service said, adding that preliminary information suggests the twister's winds peaked at 120 mph.

Many who have come to the area looking for work in wake of the oil boom live in hastily assembled trailer parks, known as man camps, which house prefabricated structures that resemble military barracks. Some companies rent blocks of hotel rooms for employees, and some workers sleep in their cars or in tents.

"The tornado was coming down the hill along our only escape route. There was nowhere for us to go. It was crazy," said Dan Yorgason, who lives in a neighboring workers' camp to the one destroyed and filmed the tornado from inside his truck.

AP

This Monday, May 26, 2014 photo from video provided by Dan Yorgason, shows a tornado in a worker's camp near Watford City, N.D., in the heart of the state's booming oil patch.

How VA clinics falsified appointment records

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fake appointments, unofficial logs kept on the sly and appointments made without telling the patient are among tricks used to disguise delays in seeing and treating veterans at Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics.

They're not a new phenomenon. VA officials, veteran service organizations and members of Congress have known about them for years.

The "gaming strategies" were used to make it appear veterans were getting appointments within target times set by the department, according to a 2010 department memo to VA facility managers aimed at fighting the practices.

The memo from William Schoenhard, then the VA's deputy undersecretary for health operations and management, said that when a medical appointment wasn't available within the 30-day target time then used by VA, some schedulers would:

■ Make a fake appointment within the 30-day period but not tell the patient. The appointment would be canceled later and a new appointment would be made to meet a new 30-day target.

■ Note on a paper log the actual distant date of an appointment, but not enter it into computer until within 30 days of the date.

■ Give the patient an appointment at whatever date was next available, but log it in the computer as the date the veteran had asked for.

Schoenhard's nine-page memo ordered the practices stopped and instructed managers on how to detect them. Then he added:

"Please be cautioned ... additional new or modified gaming strategies may have emerged, so do not consider this list a full description of all current possibilities of ... practices that need to be addressed."

Or as Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., put it at hearing this month: "As soon as new directives are put out, they're torn apart to find out how to get around the requirements."

California students mourn near scene of rampage

GOLETA, Calif. (AP)—Thousands gathered at the University of California, Santa Barbara on Tuesday to mourn six students killed in a weekend rampage as California lawmakers proposed new ways of keeping guns out of the hands of disturbed killers.

"All died much too young but it's important that we do not let the arithmetic of this atrocity define them," UC President Janet Napolitano told a packed crowd.

Each of the victims left a mark on the world and "as long as we hold them in our hearts, they are not gone," she said.

The school canceled classes and declared a day of mourning and reflection on Tuesday, four days after the shootings and stabbings in the Isla Vista community by 22-year-old community college student Elliot Rodger, who had posted an Internet video outlining his plan to slaughter as many people as possible.

Richard Martinez, whose son, Christopher Michaels-Martinez, 20, died in Friday's attacks, urged students to fight for tougher gun laws.

Rodger had legally obtained three semi-automatic handguns and still had 400 unspent rounds of ammunition when he shot himself to death, authorities said.

"They (politicians) have done nothing and that's why Chris died ... in my opinion," Martinez said.

World

Withdrawal: Obama charts end to Afghan war by 2016

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charting an end to America's longest war, President Barack Obama announced plans Tuesday for keeping nearly 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan after this year but then withdrawing virtually all by the close of 2016 and the conclusion of his presidency.

The drawdown would allow Obama to bring America's military engagement in Afghanistan to an end while seeking to protect the gains made in a war in which he significantly intensified U.S. involvement.

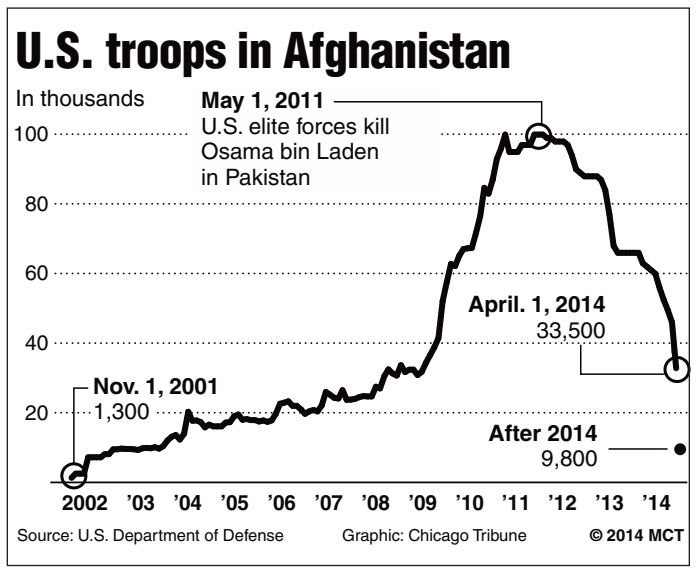
"We have to recognize that Afghanistan will not be a perfect place, and it is not America's responsibility to make it one," Obama declared during an appearance in the White House Rose Garden.

He credited American forces, which were first deployed by President George W. Bush within a month of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, with striking significant blows against al-Qaida's leadership, eliminating Osama bin Laden and preventing Afghanistan from being used as a base for strikes against the U.S. He said: "Now we're finishing the job we've started."

The drawdown blueprint is contingent on Afghanistan's government signing a stalled bilateral security agreement. While current Afghan President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign the accord, U.S. officials say they're confident that either of the candidates running to replace him will finalize the deal.

In fact, both candidates who are on the ballot in next month's runoff—former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and ex-Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai—welcomed Obama's announcement Tuesday.

The size and scope of the residual U.S. force largely mirrors what Pentagon officials had sought, which appeared to give Obama cover with some Republicans, including House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. But some of president's harshest critics on foreign policy—Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire—called the decision short-sighted and warned that it would embolden enemies.



Ukraine fighting intensifies after election

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Dozens of dead insurgents lay piled in a van outside a morgue Tuesday, and a rebel said more were on the way. Bomb disposal experts disarmed a mortar round lodged in a corpse. A wrecked and blood-soaked truck at the Donetsk airport showed the grisly aftermath of battle.

The fight for eastern Ukraine seems to have taken a ferocious turn, as both sides step up their attacks after the rebellious regions mostly boycotted a presidential election that delivered a decisive winner.

Following a day and night of the heaviest and most sustained assault by Ukrainian government forces to date, the pro-Russia separatist movement finds itself facing an emboldened and resolute national leadership.

With Sunday's election of billionaire Petro Poroshenko to the presidency, Kiev has received grudging and tentatively positive diplomatic overtures from Russia.

Leaders of the 28 EU countries, meeting Tuesday in Brussels, said they expect Russia to cooperate with newly elected President Petro Poroshenko, winner of Sunday's elections.

In a statement, the EU heads of state and government said Moscow should "use its leverage on the armed separatists to de-escalate the situation in eastern Ukraine."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Fire kills 21 at SKorean hospital for elderly

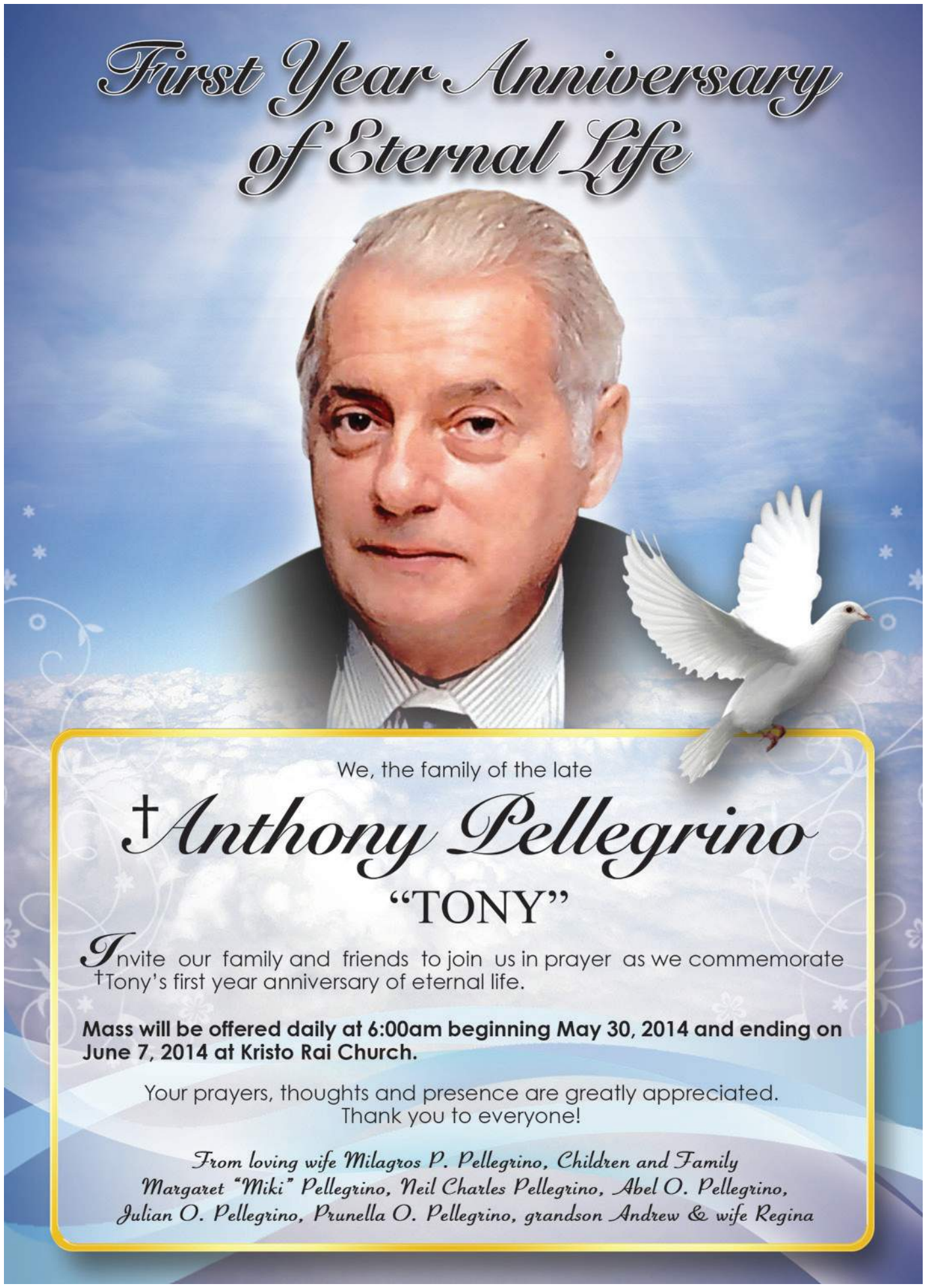
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Twenty-one people suffocated and seven people were injured Wednesday in a fire at a hospital in southern South Korea that specializes in patients suffering from dementia and palsy, officials said. One patient at the Hyosarang Hospital in Jangseong county, an 81-year-old man suffering from dementia, was detained in an investigation after security video footage showed him entering an area where the blaze began, police said. Police declined to provide further details, saying the cause of the fire was still being investigated. Jangseong Fire Department officials said 20 patients and one nurse were killed and that seven people were injured, adding that the victims suffocated.

After long wait, Malaysia releases jet data

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Close to three months after the Malaysian jetliner disappeared, the government on Tuesday released reams of raw satellite data it used to determine that the flight ended in the southern Indian Ocean, a step long demanded by the families of some of the passengers on board. But while the 45 pages of information may help satisfy a desire for more transparency in a much criticized investigation, experts say it's unlikely to solve the mystery of Flight 370—or give much comfort to relatives stuck between grieving and the faintest hope, no matter how unlikely, their loved ones might still be alive. "It's a whole lot of stuff that is not very important to know," said Michael Exner, a satellite engineer who has been independently researching the calculations.

Pregnant Pakistani woman stoned to death by family

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—A pregnant woman was stoned to death Tuesday by her own family outside a courthouse in the Pakistani city of Lahore for marrying the man she loved. The woman was killed while on her way to court to contest an abduction case her family had filed against her husband. Her father was promptly arrested on murder charges, police investigator Rana Mujahid said, adding that police were working to apprehend all those who participated in this "heinous crime." Arranged marriages are the norm among conservative Pakistanis, and hundreds of women are murdered every year in so-called honor killings carried out by husbands or relatives as a punishment for alleged adultery or other illicit sexual behavior.


First Year Anniversary of Eternal Life
We, the family of the late
†Anthony Pellegrino
"TONY"
Invite our family and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate †Tony's first year anniversary of eternal life.
Mass will be offered daily at 6:00am beginning May 30, 2014 and ending on June 7, 2014 at Kristo Rai Church.
Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.
Thank you to everyone!
From loving wife Milagros P. Pellegrino, Children and Family
Margaret "Miki" Pellegrino, Neil Charles Pellegrino, Abel O. Pellegrino,
Julian O. Pellegrino, Prunella O. Pellegrino, grandson Andrew & wife Regina

Life & Style

Insult king Don Rickles honored in Spike TV tribute

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Rickles engages in what might be called Comedy S and M. He insults audience members (whether famous or unknown, each a hockey puck in his eyes) and they laugh and beg for more.

It's a manic, lacerating style Rickles has commanded for a half-century-plus.

Now he's being feted by Spike TV with a 90-minute special, "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute." A black-tie affair taped earlier this month at Harlem's storied Apollo Theater, it airs Wednesday at 9 p.m. EDT, packed with love and a healthy dose of bile.

"We wanted to honor your memory, Don, so here we are," says Martin Scorsese, firing a zinger at the spirited but frail-looking Rickles seated stageside—"though if I'd been directing this, I don't think I would have gone for the open casket."

Amy Poehler and Tina Fey deliver their own saucy slam at Rickles' advanced age.

Fey: "It's almost like he's here with us. You can feel his spirit in this room tonight."

Poehler: "Tina! He IS here."

Fey (casting a startled look in Rickles' direction): "I thought that was somebody's purse."

Other stars on hand include Jerry Seinfeld, Robert De Niro, Regis Philbin, Tracy Morgan, Brian Williams and Jon Stewart.

David Letterman fondly remembers first meeting Rickles "at a Scientology mixer."

A worshipful Johnny Depp claims Rickles drove him into therapy. He explains that, on their first encounter, he was unprepared for what a nice man Rickles really is. The insults Depp kept expecting never came, "which meant to me at the time that he clearly hated me."

To his fans, insult-craving is a big part of Rickles' charm. He inspires you to imagine what he'd say about YOU if you were lucky enough to land in his comic cross hairs. You identify with Rickles' "victims," laugh at them—and want to be one, too.

Rickles

For those a little fuzzy on Rickles' tongue-lashing past, the program includes clips of him filleting such luminaries as Johnny Carson, Clint Eastwood, Frank Sinatra, the Rev. Billy Graham and President Ronald Reagan.

There are also filmed tributes from Eddie Murphy, Bill Cosby, Jimmy Kimmel and, hilariously, Rickles' longtime pal Bob Newhart.

Then, when the time comes for Rickles to speak, he doesn't hold back.

"I'm so thrilled as I look around the room that I'm the biggest name here," he begins. But before he's done, he's gotten downright sentimental.

"It was a kind, beautiful tribute, a great night," Rickles said by phone a few days later, then went on to account for his trademark insult style: "It was in my personality, my attitude, ever since I was a kid."

But if he was a natural-born weisenheimer, he always took care to "never be hurtful, never below-the-belt."

Some witnesses might dispute that, but most within earshot of Rickles' tirades get the joke—especially those who recognize that this fiery little man is, underneath, an old softie.

But does Rickles ever worry that someone might mistake the "Merchant of Venom" for his real personality?

"A couple of days ago I'm 88," said Rickles, whereupon he treated his interviewer with a jab of Rickles sarcasm ("Thanks for the gift, by the way") before continuing, "and when you're 88, you got no time to worry.

"Not everyone's gonna love ya," he said gently. "But when you get a majority on your side, you've got a chance."

Spike's Rickles tribute demonstrates he has multitudes on his side, and reminds the viewer why.

Bon Jovi guitarist hopes new song helps addicts

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP)—Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora drew on his own past in debuting a song at a forum on drug abuse Tuesday.

The event, at a high school arena, was aimed at raising awareness about the abuse of heroin and prescription painkillers along the Jersey shore.

Sambora, a New Jersey native, unveiled a song he wrote called "Lighthouse," about providing hope to people mired in addiction. He acknowledged he once abused drugs but said he's clean now.

Sambora

"I got firsthand experience," he told reporters before the event. "I never did heroin, but obviously I did other stuff."

He originally titled the song "Needles On The Shore" but decided to change the name.

"I wanted to do something optimistic, a beacon of light and hope," he said. "Everyone needs that light when they're far off the shore."

The track included the lines: "Those who matter don't judge/ When you're swimming with the tide in the wake of a flood."

He told the crowd of 4,000 (with another 1,000 watching from an overflow video monitor room) that he is as scared as the parents who packed the arena.

"I'm mostly here as the father of a 16-year-old girl," Sambora said. "I'm scared. ... But we can't be scared silent. Together we can make a difference because this epidemic has to stop."

"Lighthouse" will be sold on iTunes, with proceeds going toward a drug treatment facility envisioned for the region, Sambora said.

Backed by a children's choir, Sambora also performed the Bill Withers classic "Lean On Me" and a slow-paced version of the Bon Jovi megahit "Livin' On A Prayer."

He also hugged a mother whose son suffered brain damage and is in a wheelchair after using heroin one time.

Sambora was introduced to Ocean County prosecutor Joseph Coronato through a mutual friend and decided to help Coronato in his anti-drug campaign, which has already reduced heroin overdose deaths in the area.

Sambora said drugs had nothing to do with his departure from Bon Jovi last year. He said the band tried to do too much too soon and he needed a break from the pace.

"It was my family," he said. "We've been doing this for over 30 years. I'm the guy who wrote these songs, who co-produced the records. We would tour for 12 to 18 and a half months. My last tour was 52 countries. ... You realize you miss a lot of life."

Sambora said he expects to rejoin Bon Jovi but has no time frame.

Angelina Jolie is a fun hero-villain in 'Maleficent'

This image released by Disney Enterprises, Inc., shows actress Angelina Jolie in the title role of "Maleficent," the villian from the 1959 classic "Sleeping Beauty."

AP

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MOVIE REVIEW

Maybe it's too soon to say the tide has shifted definitively. But it's certainly been a unique time for fairy-tale villains.

After hundreds of years of moral clarity, suddenly we're getting a new look at these evil creatures, who are actually turning out to be complex beings, and not that bad at all. Really, they've just been misunderstood. (And, by the way, those charming princes? Highly overrated.)

The most obvious recent example is "Frozen," the animated Disney blockbuster that showed us how the Snow Queen, long portrayed as an icy-hearted villain, was actually a tragic victim of circumstance, with a pure and loving heart. And now we have "Maleficent," which tells us that one of the most evil characters in all of pop culture is equally vulnerable and misunderstood.

Plus, she's gorgeous. Duh. She's Angelina Jolie.

All this is a rather seismic development in fairytale-dom. There are numerous versions of "Sleeping Beauty," stemming back even before Charles Perrault's from 1697, but the fairy who casts an angry spell on the baby princess, dooming her to prick her finger, has always been, well, just nasty.

But now, 55 years after Disney introduced the character named Maleficent in its 1959 classic film—and colored her skin an eerie green—the studio is back with a live-action (not to mention 3D) Maleficent who's more superheroine than evil fairy. Think Maleficent by way of Lara Croft.

And though Maleficent is no longer green-skinned, it's hard not to think of another green-skinned villainess who's also been rehabilitated, by means of the durable Broadway hit "Wicked": the witch Elphaba from "The Wizard of Oz," who, it turns out, we just didn't know enough about.

And so it is in "Maleficent," in which director Robert Stromberg and screenwriter Linda Woolverton take us back to the fairy's youth to better understand her. She's a plucky young thing with lovely wings and bright pink lipstick, which will turn blood-red when she becomes an adult (the fairy world clearly isn't lacking for cosmetics.)

One day she meets a young man from that other, darker world, where humans live. The two form a strong bond. But the ugliest human emotions—jealousy and ambition—will intervene. Young Stefan will grow into the power-hungry older Stefan (the wild-eyed South African actor Sharlto Copley.) And his stunning betrayal of Maleficent will instantly harden her, turning her into the villainess we recognize.

Alas, the story's still all about a guy, in the end. But we digress.

"Maleficent" is surely targeted to the same audience—young and female—which has so lovingly embraced "Frozen" and its appealing message of female solidarity and empowerment. But "Frozen" felt clever, charming, and fresh. "Maleficent," less so.

Part of this is due, paradoxically, to Jolie's star wattage. Don't get us wrong: she's the best thing about the movie, and always worth watching. But it blunts the effectiveness of the narrative if we can never quite believe Maleficent is bad. That's because we know she's essentially good, and she seems to know that we know it; You can see it in the upturned wrinkle of her mouth.

And frankly, the other characters are simply not that interesting—Stefan, but also Elle Fanning's Aurora, or "Sleeping Beauty." The best scenes Aurora has, in fact, are when she's a gurgling baby and then, adorably, a toddler, played by none other than 5-year-old Vivienne Jolie-Pitt. (In the movie's one laugh-out-loud moment, Maleficent tells Aurora: "I don't like children.")

But Fanning as Aurora is too boringly sweet—especially compared to the fabulous-in-every-way Maleficent, with her blazing lips, fashionable black headgear and exaggerated cheekbones, not to mention her way around a quip.

In the end, "Maleficent" is fun for its appealing visuals—especially in the forest—and for watching Jolie. But that's not enough to make the whole film interesting. As the minutes tick by, you might even start feeling a bit like Sleeping Beauty herself comes to feel: Drowsy.

"Maleficent," a Walt Disney Studios release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America "for sequences of fantasy action and violence, including frightening images." Running time: 97 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Ex-Journey frontman Steve Perry back on stage

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Former Journey lead singer Steve Perry may have a message for fans: Don't stop believing—in a possible comeback.

Perry performed live for the first time in nearly two decades Sunday night at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reports that the 65-year-old singer teamed with alternative-rockers the Eels during their second encore. It included two Journey songs: "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'" and "Open Arms."

Eels frontman Mark Everett told the crowd that Perry hasn't performed the songs for two decades and "walked away from it" because "it didn't feel right."

The song, "Don't Stop Believin'," was among Journey's biggest hits. Current lead singer Arnel Pineda joined the band in 2007, after being discovered by Journey guitarist Neal Schon in YouTube videos.

Beastie Boys rapper testifies at NY trial

NEW YORK (AP)—A Beastie Boys rapper says the legendary hip-hop group would never license songs to endorse commercial products.

Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz testified in federal court in Manhattan on Tuesday. He was called as the first witness in a lawsuit the group filed against Monster Energy Co., a beverage maker. The lawsuit claims copyright infringement and unfair competition and seeks more than $2 million in damages.

A lawyer for the Corona, California-based company told the jury that Monster Energy "technically did violate the copyright." But the attorney, S. Reid Kahn, said the company should only owe the band between $93,000 and $125,000 for five weeks when the video was online. He said the video had fewer than 14,000 views.

Horovitz is to return to the stand Wednesday.

Beastie Boys rapper Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz leaves federal court in Manhattan after testifying at a copyright trial stemming from a lawsuit the group brought against a beverage maker over the use of five of its songs in a video, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in New York.

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Creator: Drug drama 'Power' has universal story

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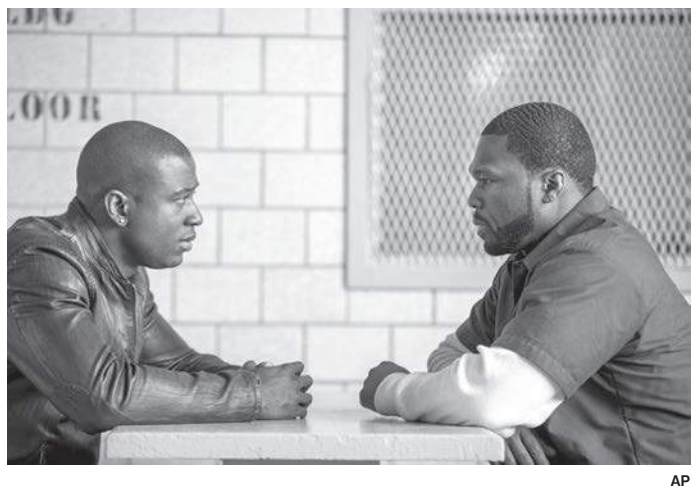

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This undated image released by Starz shows Sinqua Walls, left, and Curtis Jackson, better known as 50 Cent, in a scene from "Power," premiering on June 7.

NEW YORK (AP)—"Power," a gritty new drama debuting next month on Starz, is executive produced by 50 Cent and chronicles both the underpinnings of a brutal drug trade life and the glamour of the clubs.

But its creator, Courtney Kemp Agboh, balks when it's described as urban entertainment. The Emmy-nominated producer, whose credits include "The Good Wife," sees the story as one that's relatable to everyone, even suburban moms.

"In a real sense it's a show about a universal question," she says. "Does your past dictate your future? Can you change who you are? ... The show is really about a larger thing."

"Power," which premieres June 7, stars Omari Hardwick as Ghost, a drug dealer who doubles as a successful nightclub owner to conceal his illegal trade. While it's part gangster drama, it's also a love story: The married Ghost is also pining for a long lost love who has made her return. He also seeks to shed his life of crime In hopes of finally becoming a legit businessman.

While the show is based in part by 50 Cent's own transformation from drug dealer to rap superstar, Agboh, who created the show with him, also used her late father as inspiration.

"My dad was an advertising guy, and he was very invested in the idea that perception is reality and that if you looked good, and you smelled good and you sounded good, that people would believe whatever you had to say and you were able to manipulate people's opinions of you through image," she said. "As a black man he felt he got access to people and experiences as a result of dressing a certain way, and sounding a certain way and having a certain educational background. . When my dad died, I felt like I really needed to write about him and write about his experiences."

The death of Agboh's father in 2011 was a turning point for her. It was after he died that "Power" began to become a reality.

"This is the first show I ever pitched, the first show I ever sold, the first show I ever wrote for money," she said. "Things happened at once."

It's another high point for Agboh, who started off as a magazine writer before leaping into television writing, then producing.

"I wanted to be the first black female editor in chief of Vogue magazine, and that totally didn't work out," she laughed.

Broadway's box office and attendance figures are up

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway's revenue and attendance figures were both up this season, largely fueled by classics from Harold Pinter and William Shakespeare rather than brash, new musicals.

The Broadway League said Tuesday that box offices reported a record total gross of $1.27 billion—up from $1.13 billion from the previous season. The trade association for theater owners, operators and producers said attendance was up 5.6 percent to 12.2 million.

New musicals—"After Midnight," "Rocky," "If/Then," "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," "Bullets Over Broadway" and "Violet"—mostly recorded fine but not spectacular business.

A few flopped—"Big Fish" and "The Bridges of Madison County"—and a few have soared, like Neil Patrick Harris in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

Pushing the overall numbers higher were first-rate play revivals, including a double bill of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "Richard III." They recouped their $3.1 million capitalization costs, despite putting aside 250 seats at every performance for just $25.

A revival of Harold Pinter's "Betrayal," starring Daniel Craig, Rachel Weisz and Rafe Spall, wrapped up its 14-week engagement with a stunning cumulative gross of just over $17.5 million. It set a record for best single week for a play ever on Broadway.

Another revival—Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," starring Zachary Quinto and Cherry Jones—recouped its $2.6 million investment, while a double bill of Pinter's "No Man's Land" and Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot," starring Ian McKellen and Patrick Stewart, left after 23 weeks with a $14.3 million haul. A revival of "A Raisin in the Sun" with Denzel Washington has been a sure thing, with the Ethel Barrymore Theatre packed each time and making over $1 million a week.

The two-time Tony Award winner Mark Rylance, nominated twice this year, said he is heartened by the draw for his Shakespeare plays. They were performed by an all-male cast and sought to replicate how the plays were produced in Shakespeare's day, including with live musicians and low-tech candlelight.

"My view is that people are increasingly enabled by technology but also rather isolated by it—isolated from visceral experiences," he said. "Being in a room with Viola or with Richard III or with any of those characters as they go through real experiences and real emotions—that beats watching it on the screen every time."

The numbers were boosted by steadily increasing ticket prices, high demand from tourists swelling Times Square, reconfigured seating in some theaters and the use of premium-priced seating, in which some tickets are snapped up for very high amounts.

The numbers are an improvement on last season's decline in box office take and a 6 percent dip on the number of ticket buyers, both blamed on Hurricane Sandy. The storm darkened Broadway for four days and cost more than $8.5 million in lost revenue.

This year, producers had to contend with a savage winter and the promise of Super Bowl crowds that never materialized.

Couple feeling financial strain receives many helpful ideas

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: "Holding on in Arkansas" (Feb. 27) asked where to go for free counseling. You suggested she call her local mental health department for counseling options for her marriage and money issues. Another resource would be her local church.

Pastors often offer counseling to couples. Many churches also have support groups for parents to connect with each other. I have seen churches save marriages and get couples back on the right track emotionally and financially.

PASSING IT ON IN TENNESSEE

DEAR PASSING IT ON: Your suggestion was mentioned by a number of other readers. They, too, felt that solving her financial problems would lessen or eliminate the marital discord "Holding" and her husband are experiencing. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: One of the largest contributors to our national charitable network—United Way—offers many helpful services. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service may also be a resource, if credit cards are part of the problem.

If there is a choice between paying a bill or buying groceries, the bill should come first. There are many food pantries. The family can also apply for food stamps.

Asking for help can be difficult or embarrassing, but knowing your kids won't be hungry makes it worth it.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, TOO

DEAR ABBY: "Holding" should contact her bank about refinancing her mortgage. If she can't pay her electric bill, she should see if she qualifies for a reduced rate for her income level. As for the kids, if they're in school, they probably meet the criteria for the reduced-cost lunch program.

FULL OF IDEAS IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: "Holding" should seek help from the school counselor. He/she can recommend mental health support within the family's financial means, and connect them with additional community resources to lessen some of the stresses of daily life. With many families struggling in many ways, encouraging this woman to seek out available help is crucial.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

DEAR ABBY: Does her employer or her husband's have an Employee Assistance Program? These services offer a wide range of help, including dealing with mental health and financial issues, and may be paid for as part of the employer's contract with the EAP organization.

JUST MY TWO CENTS

DEAR ABBY: If the woman's county doesn't have a mental health department, her region should have a department of public health. Or she could be guided by the school nurse at her children's school. School nurses are often the first responders to families in crisis or in need of counseling.

NEW ENGLAND NURSE

DEAR ABBY: It is human nature to want the best for one's family, but a lot of the couples suffering this kind of stress have brought it on themselves.

There won't be enough money for food and monthly bills if they are paying for new cars, a house they can't afford, ordering takeout instead of cooking, subscribing to the deluxe cable TV package, going on expensive vacations and paying for activities the kids "have to do" just because their friends are. Couples' financial problems could be greatly improved if they would only make better choices.

LIVING WITHIN MY MEANS DOWN SOUTH

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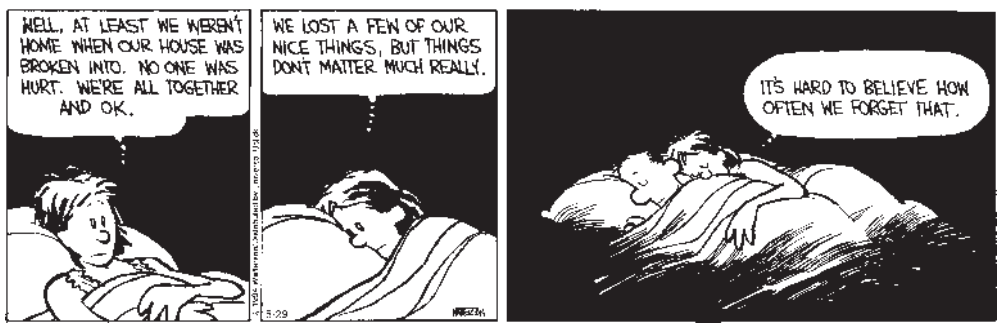
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WELL, AT LEAST WE WEREN'T HOME WHEN OUR HOUSE WAS BROKEN INTO. NO ONE WAS HURT. WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AND OK.
WE LOST A FEW OF OUR NICE THINGS, BUT THINGS DON'T MATTER MUCH REALLY.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HOW OFTEN WE FORGET THAT.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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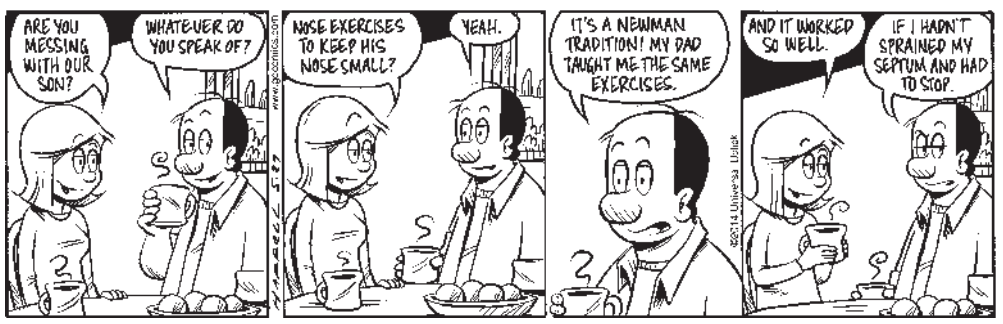
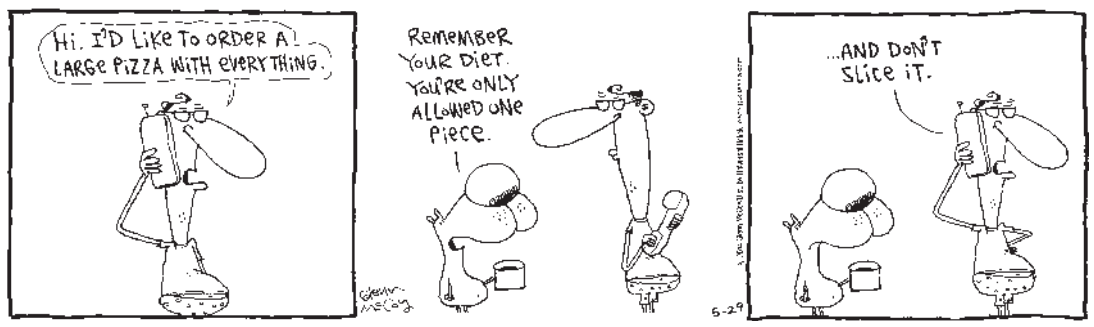
By Bryan Basset


ARE YOU MESSING WITH OUR SON?
WHATEVER DO YOU SPEAK OF?
NOSE EXERCISES TO KEEP HIS NOSE SMALL?
YEAH.
IT'S A NEWMAN TRADITION! MY DAD TAUGHT ME THE SAME EXERCISES.
AND IT WORKED SO WELL.
IF I HADN'T SPRAINED MY SEPTUM AND HAD TO STOP.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Supermarket supply
5 Jazz style
8 Soda shoppe order
12 "Two and a Half Men" role
13 A Gershwin brother
14 Notion
15 Pop flavor
16 — Mahal
17 Aerobatic maneuver
18 Musical directive to Rhonda
20 On
22 Be approved
26 Layered rock
29 Candle matter
30 Altar affirmative
31 Toothpaste holder
32 That man's
33 Comic strip possum
34 Slangy suffix
35 "Indeed"
36 In sections, as a window
37 Expert
40 Ardor
41 Partner of Stookey and Travers
45 Whirl
47 Leap
49 "The Music Man" site
50 Intimation
51 Ram's mate
52 Coaster
53 Easter treats
54 Scarlet
55 Coop group

DOWN
1 Handel contemporary
2 Lotion additive
3 Chutzpah
4 Made from "the best stuff on earth" brand
5 Chomps
6 Man-mouse link
7 Sleepwear
8 Director Forman
9 Pet-shelter transaction
10 Zodiac cat
11 Spigot
19 West of Hollywood
21 Monkey suit
23 Reuben cheese
24 Advantage
25 Crucifix
26 End
27 Luau entertainment
28 Disconcerting
32 Moor plant
33 Illustrator Maxfield
35 Sumac of music
36 Shade of green
38 Bivouac array
39 Wrote on a keyboard
42 Portrayal
43 Author Wister
44 Bankrolls
45 That girl
46 Glutton
48 Have bills

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-29

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Happy Birthday: Your determination will lead to victory. Your memory coupled with enthusiasm and trepidation will not let you down when seeking information and pursuing conclusive facts. Focus on work, money and self-improvement, not on forming relationships or putting up with people or situations that are not conducive to reaching your objectives. Choices must be made and goals must be set. Your numbers are 8, 13, 23, 27, 32, 39, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your interests will lean toward learning about different cultures, philosophies and people who grab your attention. Personal changes will make you feel good about who you are and where you are heading. A commitment will bring favorable results. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Question your current position and the direction in which you are headed. Take a detour or make minor adjustments to your lifestyle. Focus on making life better by reducing the levels of negativity in your life. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take on a challenge that will get you moving physically and stimulated mentally. Participate in functions, events or activities that will allow you to show off what you have to offer. Raise the standard and strive to reach your goals. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take on a project that will improve the environment you live in or make your life more comfortable. You don't have to spend a lot; it's the little things that will make you happy. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Help is on the way. Position yourself well and you will be ready to step into the spotlight and take advantage of a situation that has the potential to bring beneficial results. Partnerships will add energy and enthusiasm to whatever you pursue. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Proceed with caution. Not everyone will have your best interests at heart. Do your research and question the motives of anyone who is pushy or persuasive. Listen to your heart, but rely on your intelligence to lead you in the right direction. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Try to be open to suggestions and willing to learn new things. You may not welcome a change that's being made initially, but once you ease into new possibilities, you will realize how much better off you are. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your dedication and fortitude will enhance your reputation and help you bring about the changes that will benefit your community and environment. Recognizing the value in what others have to offer will enable you to forge ahead successfully. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): The tables can turn quickly if you are cognizant of how others feel. Listen and observe and you will avoid an awkward situation by dealing with it before it spins out of control. Fix up your home to suit your needs. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your work ethic will be noticed and help you get ahead. Share your thoughts and ideas and you will open doors that lead to a bright future. Caution while traveling will be necessary to avoid a minor mishap or delay. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Doing something social or getting involved in community events will lead to interesting conversations and favorable changes at home and to your everyday routine. Get involved in something that allows you to use your talents. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Someone you thought was reliable is likely to disappoint you. Carry on with your plans regardless of who backs out. Emotional deception must be handled wisely. Stand up for your rights and make the changes necessary to avoid being taking for granted. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charismatic and playful. You are persuasive and goal-oriented.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/29

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

2014 IS THE YEAR OF THE HORSE **Solution: 6 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Waterfront

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

4 - HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

High school diploma with (5) years minimum work related experience. Able to operate several types of heavy equipment including but not limited to Backhoe/Loader, Road Roller, Tractor/Trailer Combo, Bulldozer, Hydraulic Crane. Load weights and check them against lifting capacities to prevent overload. Move levers, depress foot pedals, or turn dials to operate cranes, or other moving equipment for lifting, moving, or placing loads. Learn and follow safety regulations. Take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects. Clean, lubricate and inspect mechanisms or accessories such as cables, pulleys, or grappling devices to prevent malfunctions or damage. Perform routine maintenance of equipment. Must have knowledge in troubleshooting and able to diagnose problem or malfunction and make repairs as necessary.

Interested qualified applicants can submit their resume and latest police clearance via e-mail to saipan@aicconstruction.com
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Closing date: June 5, 2014

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Okada Corporation dba Okadaya
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FOUR (4) OPERATION MANAGER / COOK / HEAD CHEF
Be able to handle business operations as well as kitchen duties to ensure the business efficiency & profitable operations; Must be passionate about food and have broad knowledge in Japanese cuisine included but not limited to Sushi, Tempura and Sashimi and specialty in making Hand Made Soba as well as cultural dished and different food preparations. Have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products. Must have at least 5 yrs experience.

THREE (3) SERVICE CREW
Must have at least 3 yrs work experience in customer service. Must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards. Can speak and understand Japanese. Have knowledge in Japanese products.

All applicants must provide current police clearance , must have a reliable transportation, and must agree to drug test. All resume (w picture) can be turn in at Okadaya office . No phone calls please, must apply in person.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Cheer Dragon Leasing Corporation has an opening for

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- Fluent in English speaking, writing and reading
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dba
SAIPAN HEALTH CLINIC

(01) FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

- College Graduate
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Cook (3): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Assistant Cook (2): Responsible for preparing food as directed by a senior cook, assist the cook in the day to day preparation of food & efficient running of the kitchen. Ensure that all items are clean & ready for use before & after each shift, responsible for preparing items such as chopping vegetables, butchering meat, or cleaning seafood. Usually responsible for the storage of food, both incoming stock and leftovers.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends & night time.

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Westbrook scores 40, Thunder tie series at 2-2

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—While accepting the award for himself, Kevin Durant called Russell Westbrook an MVP-caliber player.

And on Tuesday, Westbrook delivered a championship-caliber effort that got the Oklahoma City Thunder back to even in the Western Conference finals.

He had 40 points, 10 assists and five steals in a 105-92 victory over the San Antonio Spurs 105-92 that tied the series at two games apiece.

"Coach told us he needed maximum effort from us tonight, and it starts with me at point guard," Westbrook said. "My job is to play both sides of the ball. If you want to win a championship, those are things you have to do."

It matched the second-highest playoff point total of Westbrook's career, falling short of the 43 he scored in the 2012 NBA Finals.

"Just his focus on every possession on the defensive end and his poise on the offensive end, I think that's what's fun to watch," Durant said. "People outside of our team don't really look at that type of stuff, but that's something we can definitely build on as a group, is watching him wreak havoc on the defensive end and offensively, playing with such patience."

At times, Westbrook has been a maddening player for Thunder fans to watch. His dynamic athletic ability gives him a supreme confidence level that sometimes leads to ill-advised shots and a tendency to hold the ball at the expense of offensive flow.

But in this game, Westbrook did just about everything right. He shot 50 percent from the field and took just five 3-pointers. He made 14 of 14 free throws.

"Sometimes he's going to go off," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "He's capable of doing that. If he makes a lot of jumpers, it gets really tough."

In the midst of posting a monster game, Westbrook allowed Durant to still score 31 points. It was Durant's highest-scoring game of the series after the NBA's leading scorer was held to a 22.7-point average in the first three games.

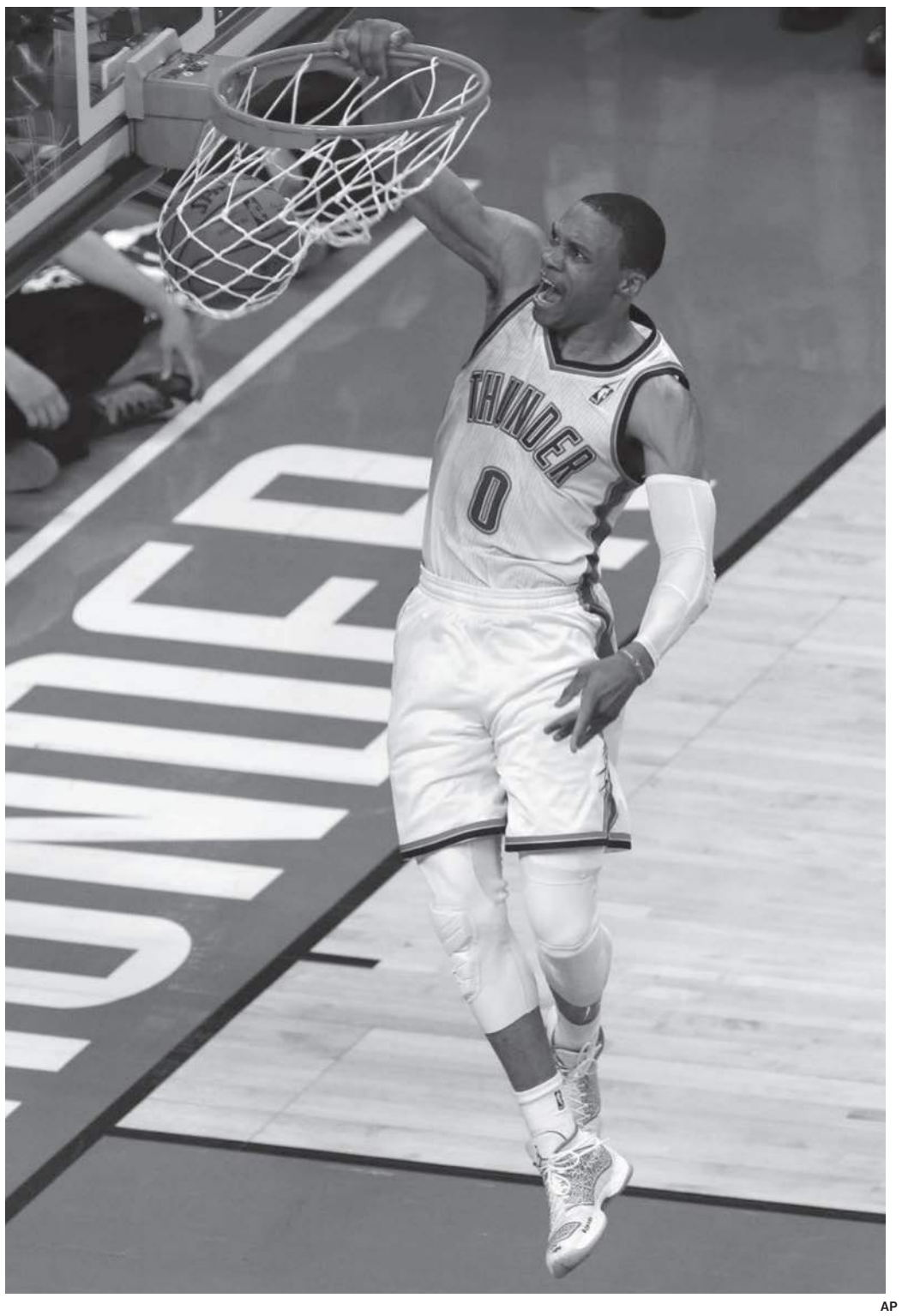
Serge Ibaka added nine points and eight rebounds for the Thunder, who have turned around the series since he returned from an injury that was expected to keep him out for the rest of the postseason.

"We just play well with Serge," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "We can do things with Serge in the lineup that we can't do with other guys."

Boris Diaw had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Tony Parker added 14 points for the Spurs, who blew a 2-0 lead against the Thunder in this round two years ago and are in danger of doing it again. San Antonio will host Game 5 on Thursday and won't be worried about the past.

"I think we shouldn't think like that," Parker said. "Each game is different. Each series. Each year. We worked hard all year to have home court advantage, and now, it's our job to protect home court."

Oklahoma City dominated for the second consecutive game after getting blown out in the first two. The Thunder committed just seven turnovers and shot 49 percent from the field.



AP

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook dunks in the first half of Game 4 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

The Spurs scored the first eight points of the game, but things went downhill from there. A steal and dunk by Westbrook gave the Thunder a 42-32 lead with just under five minutes left in the first half. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Durant pushed Oklahoma City's lead to 50-36.

The Thunder led 58-43 at halftime. Durant scored 22 points and Westbrook added 17 points, eight assists and four steals before the break.

Parker shot 6 of 9 in the first half, but the rest of the Spurs made just 11 of 32 before the break.

A lob from Reggie Jackson to Durant for a two-handed slam bumped Oklahoma City's lead to 60-43. A steal and jam by Ibaka made it 66-49, and a dunk by Westbrook made it 76-49.

The Spurs closed the quarter on an 18-7 run and cut their deficit to 83-67. San Antonio's Matt Bonner made a 3-pointer with 3:31 remaining to trim Oklahoma City's edge to 12, but the Thunder maintained control.

"We were just not focused coming out," Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard said. "We're not playing consistently throughout the whole game. We're playing in spurts or increments. We've just got to play the whole game."

The Thunder still need to win on the road to win the series.

"We're just trying to look forward," Durant said. "We know how tough it is to go in there and get a `W.' We have to go on the road an handle our business. We feel better, but we're not satisfied."

Sterling responds to NBA, June 3 hearing still on

NEW YORK (AP)—Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling responded to the NBA's attempt to oust him on Tuesday, arguing that there is no basis for stripping him of his team because his racist statements were illegally recorded "during an inflamed lovers' quarrel in which he was clearly distraught."

According to the response, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Sterling says V. Stiviano recorded him without his knowledge and thus the recording was illegal under California law. He also said he could not have "willfully" damaged the league because he did not know it would be made public.

"A jealous rant to a lover never intended to be published cannot offend the NBA rules," Sterling said in the document, which was first reported by USA Today.

Meanwhile, the attorney for Shelly Sterling confirmed that Donald Sterling has given her written permission to sell the team. According to a person who is in contact with a potential bidder, who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the process publicly, the Clippers are seeking binding bids before next Tuesday—the day NBA owners are scheduled to meet in New York and vote on whether to strip Sterling of the team.

The league said in a statement Tuesday that if three-quarters of the 30 owners voted to sustain the charge, "the Sterlings' interests in the Clippers will be terminated and the team will be sold."

The NBA charged Donald Sterling with damaging the league and its merchandising partners, and the league's constitution gave him until the end of Tuesday to respond. According to a basketball official familiar with the proceedings, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss Sterling, the NBA has scheduled a call of its executive committee for 3 p.m. EDT on Wednesday.

Shelly Sterling submitted her own separate response to the NBA's charges Tuesday that included a "vigorous response to the attempt by the NBA to blame her for doing nothing wrong," according to a person with knowledge of the proceedings. The individual wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the response.

In his response, Donald Sterling says that next week's hearing cannot be fair because the owners have already made up their minds, quoting 10 teams who commented on Twitter or elsewhere that they supported the seizure of the team. An AP survey on the day Commissioner Adam Silver announced Sterling's lifetime ban found that half of the teams supported it and no owner was against it.

"These procedings will be a spectacle meant to mollify the popular opinion, not a fair and impartial hearing: the outcome of these procedings became a foregone conclusion weeks ago," the response states.

The response also notes the disparity between his lifetime ban and $2.5 million fine and previous NBA punishments, including the $100,000 fine levied on Kobe Bryant when he was caught referring to a referee by a homosexual slur, and the 72-game suspension of Ron Artest for punching a fan.

The NBA said Sterling is in violation because his racist comments were harmful to the league and its business partners, including the players. Sterling's response argues that because his comments came in the privacy of his girlfriend's living room he cannot be considered "taking a position" that damaged the NBA, as required under the league constitution.

"Mr. Sterling was not `conducting' the `sport of professional basketball' when he was arguing with Ms. Stiviano in her living room," the response says. "Not even the Commissioner alleges that Mr. Sterling intended to harm the NBA with his comment. Nor could he. This was an argument between a jealous man and the woman he loved that should never have left the privacy of his living room."

Sterling also noted his history of supporting racial diversity, including five black head coaches and a black general manager, Elgin Baylor, who held the job for 22 years. Baylor eventually unsuccessfully sued Sterling, accusing him of racist behavior. It also notes that he was due to receive his second lifetime achievement award from the NAACP before the recording of his comments was leaked.

The response claims that it would cost Sterling $300 million to $500 million in capital gains taxes if he is forced to sell now rather than pass the team to his heirs.

Pacers' George fined $25K for criticizing officiating in Game 4 loss

NEW YORK—The NBA fined Indiana Pacers forward Paul George $25,000 on Tuesday for his public criticism of the officiating in the Eastern Conference finals Game 4 loss to Miami.

Rod Thorn, the league's president of basketball operations, said George made his comments in the postgame news conference following the 102-90 loss to the Heat on Monday night.

Miami was 30 of 34 from the foul line in the game. Indiana was 11 of 17.

George said his team couldn't overcome a "20-point differential" that came through foul calls. He said Miami won the game at the free-throw line.

Miami leads the series 3-1 and can advance to the NBA Finals for the fourth straight year with a win in Indiana on Wednesday night.

Buehrle gets 9th win, Blue Jays beat Rays, 9-6

TORONTO (AP)—Mark Buehrle became the first nine-game winner in the majors, while Edwin Encarnacion and Adam Lind hit back-to-back home runs as the Toronto Blue Jays extended their winning streak to eight games, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 9-6 on Tuesday night.

Juan Francisco also homered for the AL East-leading Blue Jays, who have won 13 of 15 and are 19-7 in May.

Buehrle (9-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings. Casey Janssen finished for his eighth save in eight chances.

Encarnacion connected for the 14th time in May, matching Jose Bautista's team record for home runs in a month. Bautista hit 14 homers in June 2012.

Sean Rodriguez had three RBIs for the Rays, who lost their second straight following a season-best four-game winning streak.

Rays right-hander Alex Cobb (1-2) allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings.

Tigers 6, Athletics 5

In Oakland, California, pinch-runner Rajai Davis scored on Austin Jackson's fielder's choice groundout in the eighth inning to help Detroit halt a three-game losing streak.

J.D. Martinez drew a one-out walk off Oakland reliever Fernando Abad (0-2). Davis was brought in to run and the speedy outfielder took second on a passed ball. He then stole third when A's catcher Derek Norris was throwing the ball back to Abad.

After Luke Gregerson replaced Abad, Jackson hit a sharp grounder to Oakland shortstop Jed Lowrie, but the A's were unable to turn the double play and Davis raced home with the go-ahead run.

Miguel Cabrera and Torii Hunter homered for the Al Central-leading Tigers.

John Jaso homered for the A's.

Al Albuquerque (2-1) pitched one inning for the win and Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 12th save in 15 tries.

Angels 6, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Jered Weaver gave up three runs over six innings for his fifth win in six starts and C.J. Cron homered to lead Los Angeles.

Weaver (6-3) gave up seven hits and a walk while striking out five. Weaver has lasted at least six innings in nine of his 11 starts this season, and this was the first time in eight outings he allowed more than two runs.

Cron led off the seventh inning with his third homer since making his major league debut on May 3.

Ernesto Frieri pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Smoak led off the fourth inning with his seventh home run for Seattle, which had won five of the last six meetings between the teams this season.

Roenis Elias (3-4) allowed five runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings. The five earned runs were the most the Mariners rookie has allowed in his 11 career starts.

Twins 4, Rangers 3

In Minneapolis, Texas closer Joakim Soria bobbled a slow-bouncing ball hit by Minnesota's Danny Santana to the left of the mound with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth inning, allowing the winning run to score.

The day began ominously for the Rangers when star pitcher Yu Darvish was scratched from his scheduled start with stiffness in his neck. Fill-in Scott Baker gave up three hits over six innings and Chris Gimenez hit a tie-breaking two-out RBI single in the sixth off Phil Hughes.

But Soria (1-2) took his first blown save in nine chances with a shaky ninth inning patched together by the Twins, who ended their four-game losing streak.

Hughes allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings. Glen Perkins (2-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory, stranding Alex Rios after a leadoff triple.

Astros 3, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Collin McHugh held light-hitting Kansas City at bay over seven innings, and Houston earned its first four-game winning streak since last September.

The Astros own the worst record in the AL, but have won four in a row on the road for the first time since taking six straight away from Minute Maid Park last May 29-June 3.

Houston rookie George Springer's homer streak ended at four games. He hit two fly-balls to the warning track and finished 1 for 4.

Matt Dominguez hit an RBI single in the fourth and Houston tacked on two more runs off reliever Tim Collins in the eighth.

McHugh (3-3) scattered five hits while striking out nine without issuing a walk to earn his first win in five starts.

Kansas City right-hander Jeremy Guthrie (2-4) allowed one run and seven hits in six innings.

Cardinals 6, Yankees 0

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn threw a five-hit shutout in his first career complete game and the St. Louis Cardinals got home runs from Allen Craig and Matt Holliday in a 6-0 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

Holliday and Matt Adams had three hits and an RBI apiece and Craig drove in two runs in the interleague matchup. The Cardinals have won 10 of 13, shaking off a 12-inning loss in the series' opener, and ended the Yankees' three-game road winning streak that matched their best of the year.

David Phelps (1-2) pitched in his hometown for the first time and allowed three earned runs in six innings. Two infield errors contributed to two unearned runs in the Cardinals' breakout four-run third.

Derek Jeter got a standing ovation before each at-bat, just like in the opener. He was 0 for 3 with a walk.

Lynn (6-2) struck out two and walked three, topping his previous career best of eight innings on April 25, 2012, at Chicago against the Cubs.

AP

Toronto Blue Jays Adam Lind celebrates a home run with third base coach Luis Rivera, left, during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Dodgers 6, Reds 3

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier drove in Los Angeles' first four runs with a homer and a bases-loaded triple, and Zack Greinke equaled a season high with 11 strikeouts.

Greinke (8-1) allowed three runs, eight hits and no walks in 7 2-3 innings. The 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner was lifted after giving up a two-run homer by Devin Mesoraco on his 104th pitch — ending Greinke's streak of 22 consecutive starts in which he had allowed fewer than three earned runs. It was the longest such streak since the dead-ball era.

Kenley Jansen followed J.P. Howell out of the bullpen and pitched a perfect ninth for his 16th save.

Alfredo Simon (6-3) threw 70 pitches in 3 2-3 innings, giving up five runs, five hits and four walks.

Brewers 7, Orioles 6, 10 innings

In Milwaukee, pitcher Yovani Gallardo delivered a pinch-hit double that drove home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning, foiling Baltimore's strategy and sending Milwaukee to victory.

With the pitcher's spot on deck and knowing Milwaukee was out of position players, the Orioles intentionally walked Mark Reynolds with two outs and no one on base in the 10th.

Brewers manager Ron Roenicke sent up Gallardo—a starting pitcher who was 1 for 14 this season—to bat for reliever Francisco Rodriguez (2-1).

Gallardo then drove a 2-0 pitch from T.J. McFarland (0-1) to deep center field to win it.

The Brewers blew an early 5-0 lead, but tied it at 6 with two outs in the ninth on an infield single by Jonathan Lucroy.

Giants 4, Cubs 0

In San Francisco, Tim Hudson turned in another vintage performance to start this season, tossing seven scoreless innings to lead San Francisco past Chicago.

Hudson (5-2) allowed six hits, struck out five and walked none. The 38-year-old has allowed two earned runs or fewer in nine of his 10 starts, and he has pitched at least seven innings eight times.

Buster Posey drove in two runs, and Michael Morse and Pablo Sandoval singled home a run each to help the Giants (33-19) hold on to the best record in the majors. Jeremy Affeldt pitched a perfect eighth and Jean Machi pitched a perfect ninth to close out the Cubs, who will try again to win their first road series since last September in Wednesday's finale.

Jake Arrieta (1-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked one but got no support with Hudson on the mound.

Red Sox 6, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a two-run single during a four-run rally in the seventh inning and Boston beat Atlanta in the latest comeback following its longest losing streak in 20 years.

Dustin Pedroia had three hits and Grady Sizemore had two, along with a go-ahead groundout in the seventh inning of the interleague contest.

The Red Sox snapped their 10-game losing streak on Monday, overcoming a five-run deficit to top Atlanta 8-6.

Jon Lester (5-6) snapped a personal two-game losing streak by giving up three runs on eight hits and three walks in six innings. Koji Uehara retired the Braves in order in the ninth for his 11th save.

Braves starter Aaron Harang left with a 3-2 lead after the sixth. Anthony Varvaro (1-1) took the loss.

Mets 4, Pirates 2

In New York, Juan Lagares drove in two runs, Vic Black gave the bullpen a boost and New York finally managed some timely hits in its first game with a new batting coach.

Daniel Murphy doubled twice and light-hitting Ruben Tejada reached base all four times up to help the Mets win for only the fourth time in 13 games. The victory came one day after hitting coach Dave Hudgens was fired and replaced by Lamar Johnson, who had been New York's minor league hitting coordinator.

Black (1-0) got four big outs in his first major league outing this season, and Jenrry Mejia pitched two innings for his fourth save.

With a runner on, Curtis Granderson made an outstanding catch in the right-field corner for the second out of the ninth. Mejia then walked Andrew McCutchen and retired Mets nemesis Gaby Sanchez on a game-ending grounder.

Starling Marte hit a two-run single for Pittsburgh. Jeanmar Gomez (0-2) threw two the Pirates four wild pitches.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Tommy Medica hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning and Eric Stults pitched six effective innings for San Diego.

Stults was sharp early before giving up a couple of runs that allowed Arizona to tie the game at 3-all.

Medica had a run-scoring single in San Diego's three-run third inning and lined a solo homer to left off Evan Marshall (2-1) in the eighth to put the Padres back up.

Kevin Quackenbush (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings for his first win in the majors after giving up a walkoff homer the night before and Huston Street worked a perfect ninth for his 15th straight save.

Wade Miley had a career-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings and Martin Prado homered for Arizona.

Rockies 6, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Wilin Rosario hit a go-ahead, three-run homer and Jorge De La Rosa pitched six strong innings to lift Colorado to victory.

Drew Stubbs went 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI for the Rockies, who had lost four of five while being outscored 16-0 in their two previous games.

Ben Revere hit his first career homer in his 1,466th at-bat, and Darin Ruf also went deep for the Phillies.

The start of the game was delayed 1 hour, 22 minutes due to rain.

De La Rosa (6-3) continued his strong stretch, allowing one run and six hits with four strikeouts and two walks. The left-hander is 6-0 with a 1.58 ERA in his last seven starts.

Philadelphia starter Cole Hamels (1-3) left after the seventh, giving up four runs and three hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Australian Open champ Li 1st-round loser at French

PARIS (AP)—Much to her dismay, Li Na is familiar with this feeling.

She earns a Grand Slam championship, is heralded at home, then shows up at subsequent major tournaments and seemingly forgets how to win.

Happened in 2011, after her French Open triumph made her China's first player with a Grand Slam singles title. Happened again Tuesday, when Li was seeded second at Roland Garros but lost to someone ranked 103rd in the first round, not quite four months removed from winning the Australian Open.

"I didn't follow the game plan," Li said. "Didn't have any idea how to play."

Her 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 exit against Kristina Mladenovic of France in front a partisan crowd on a cloudy, windy Day 3 came about 16 hours after the men's Australian Open champion, third-seeded Stan Wawrinka, was beaten in Paris—making this French Open already unlike any Grand Slam tournament in history.

It's the first time that the men's and women's singles champions from the previous major lost in the first round.

"Nobody say if you (are) No. 2 in the world, you have to win all the matches. I mean, this is tennis," said Li, who works with Carlos Rodriguez, former coach of four-time French Open titlist Justine Henin.

For an opening match at a major, the "tension is different," she added. "Always tough to pass the first round."

Top players, even the likes of Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams, frequently talk about being particularly jittery at the start of a Grand Slam tournament, even against clearly outclassed competition.

They notice, to be sure, when folks such as Li or Wawrinka depart quickly.

"Regardless of what's happened to the other players," said reigning Wimbledon champion Andy Murray, who won in four sets Tuesday, "I still hoped that I would try or be able to find ways through my first match and negotiate my way through a tricky opponent in these conditions."

AP

France's Kristina Mladenovic reacts as she defeats China's Li Na during the first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

This French Open has seen some rough going for several past major champions and other highly seeded players, and the second round has yet to begin.

No. 13 Caroline Wozniacki, the 2009 U.S. Open runner-up, was beaten Tuesday, less than a week after her planned wedding to golf star Rory McIlroy was called off; No. 11 Grigor Dimitrov, considered an up-and-coming threat by many, lost to Ivo Karlovic; two seeded men, No. 16 Tommy Haas and No. 21 Nicolas Almagro, quit during the first set because of injuries; past Grand Slam titles winner Lleyton Hewitt also lost.

One person pleasantly surprised to finally feel what it's like to win in the first round is 66th-ranked Marinko Matosevic of Australia, who was 0-12 at Grand Slam tournaments before beating Dustin Brown of Germany 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-7 (1), 7-5.

"Huge relief," said Matosevic, who now meets No. 7 Murray. "It got pretty demoralizing at some stages. I had some tough draws. When I did have my chances, I just couldn't quite do it."

Li hung her head when she sailed a stroke long on match point for her 37th unforced error, 12 more than Mladenovic. At the opposite baseline, Mladenovic raised both arms, then covered her mouth with her trembling left hand, trying to process what had just happened. Soon, the 21-year-old Mladenovic was choking back tears.

"It's never normal when you beat such a big name, big player," said Mladenovic, who had been 1-5 at the French Open before Tuesday, including a loss to Li in 2010.

She faced two set points in the opener while trailing 5-4 but erased both and took three games in a row to nose ahead.

"This is really big," Mladenovic said. "You don't beat Li Na every day."

Unless, that is, you catch her coming off one of the true highs in her inconsistent career. Three years ago, after the big breakthrough in Paris, Li lost in the second round at Wimbledon, then the first round at the U.S. Open.

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nings. The first two games in the series were also won via 10-run mercy rule with the first match ending after only three innings and the second in five frames.

The host walked away with their third straight easy win despite failing to score in the first inning. The Saipan Major All-Stars' first three batters at the top of the first were booted out, but they came out smoking hot in the second inning, scoring one run after another to set up the blowout.

Eight batters from the Saipan Major All-Stars' top of the order reached home and two even scored twice, including shortstop Spencer Dickinson, who blasted a two-run homer in his second at bat. He earlier hit a single in his first time at bat and was driven home by Tyrese Camacho. The other runs came from Tinian's defensive miscues and the host went on to build a 10-0 run after two complete innings.

Tinian had no chance of breaking into the board in the first two innings, absorbing a 1-2-3 play on both occasions. Saipan starting pitcher Pangelinan struck out Tinian's leadoff batter at the top of the first inning, while the visitor's next two batters were booted out on a 4-3 play. Pangelinan got another strikeout in the second inning, while the two other outs were off a fly ball and 2-3 putout play.

After two fruitless attempts, Tinian finally scored its first run in Game 3 and only second in the tournament, thanks to Juan Kiyoshi, who reached off a fielder's choice at the top of the third inning. Tinian managed to load the bases in the third and had a chance to score more runs, but Pangelinan got the last out off a strikeout to leave the three runners stranded. Earlier after Kiyoshi scored, Pangelinan struck out the next two Tinian batters.

After pulling off the big defensive stops at the top of the third, the Saipan Major All-Stars countered with six runs at the bottom. Cangco registered the second homerun in the game and brought home one teammate with him, while Evangelista connected on an RBI triple. The three other runs were scored off Tinian's errors.

Now ahead by 15, 16-1, Saipan put on the pressure on Tinian, which must score at least six runs to extend the game. The visitors got none, as Saipan beat two runners at second and third and Evangelista, who relieved Pangelinan, struck out the last batter for the third out and stranded two Tinian runners.

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match and demolished Paire FC, 4-0. Wild Bill's blew out Paire after going all out in the second half.

The league-leading Wild Bill's was only ahead by one at halftime off Jack Thoensaket's goal in the 17th minute before pulling away in the second half. In the second frame, Tanapon Unsa kicked off Wild Bill's attack, scoring in the 75th minute. Thanyakorn Konkoed also got into the board three minutes later, while Justin McAllister drilled the last goal 10 minutes before the one-sided match wrapped up.

The other game in the M-League was a close fight with Sun Palace edging Shirley's FC, 4-3.

Sun Palace got a hat-trick from Hoin Ryu in the first half and withstood Shirley's rally in the second half to come out the winner of the first match. Hoin Ryu connected on his first two goals for Sun Palace in the 21st and 24th minute to put his team on top, 2-1. Fradel Sedillo drew first blood for Shirley's with his goal in the 15th minute and that was it for his squad in the first half, while Ryu extended his string of goals with his third one in the 39th minute for a 3-1 halftime lead.

Yong Chul Jang made it a 4-1 advantage when he made a conversion in the 50th minute, while Shirley's FC tried to mount a comeback with two consecutive goals in a span of two minutes. Both goals came from Kosuke Sato, who dropped his first one in the 83rd and the second in the 85th.

Now ahead by only one, Sun Palace tightened up its defense in the closing minutes to halt Shirley's rally.

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make the grade were Sam Jones and Alma Ortega (0-4), Macoi Aguda and Toshiko Obata (1-3), and Joel Ortega and Loyda Ito (0-4).

After missing a semis spot in the mixed doubles A, Obata assured herself of a Final Four stint in the mixed doubles B, as she teamed up with Aries Cordero in prevailing in Group 3 of their division. The Obata and Cordero tandem were unscathed in four games, beating Chris Hilario and Fernandez (3-1), Ezekiel Macario and Mykki Caracuty (2-2), and Panapa Peteru and Emily Vargas (1-3).

Joining Obata and Cordero in the Final Four are Deether Edralin and Havikka Farro, Vic Regis and Cheng Saturno, and Kelvin and Julie Son, who also swept their elimination round games. Farro and Edralin were undefeated in Group 4, finishing the elimination with a 4-0 slate, while Cheng and Saturno were unbeaten in three matches in Group 2, and Yong and Julie Son had a similar 4-0 record in Group 1.

In the mixed doubles C, the Final Four cast has yet to be decided with three pairs still fighting for the two slots in Group 1. Jeremy Montenejo and Nicola Malasarte are still perfect after three games to boost their playoff chances, while K. You and Christine Saplan and Taeho Kim and Emiyl Vargas are still in the running, holding 3-1 and 2-1 records, respectively. I

In Group 2, it is still a three-way battle among Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano (3-0), Ray Musada and Lani Santos (2-1) and the mother-and-son duo of Gigi and Raphael Zapanta (2-1). Sato San and Roxe Lazaro (0-4) and Marc Mora and Patricia Abanto (1-2) are out of contention, joining Group 1's Patrick and Vilma Fernandez (2-2) and John Canto and Caracut (0-4) in the showers.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	31	22	.585	–
New York	27	24	.529	3
Baltimore	26	24	.520	3½
Tampa Bay	23	30	.434	8
Boston	22	29	.431	8

Central Division

Detroit	29	19	.604	–
Chicago	27	27	.500	5
Minnesota	24	25	.490	5½
Kansas City	24	27	.471	6½
Cleveland	24	29	.453	7½

West Division

Oakland	31	21	.596	–
Los Angeles	29	22	.569	1½
Texas	26	26	.500	5
Seattle	25	26	.490	5½
Houston	21	32	.396	10½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	28	23	.549	–
Miami	27	25	.519	1½
Washington	25	26	.490	3
New York	23	28	.451	5
Philadelphia	22	27	.449	5

Central Division

Milwaukee	31	22	.585	–
St. Louis	29	23	.558	1½
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451	7
Cincinnati	22	28	.440	7½
Chicago	19	31	.380	10½

West Division

San Francisco	33	19	.635	–
Los Angeles	29	24	.547	4½
Colorado	28	24	.538	5
San Diego	24	29	.453	9½
Arizona	21	33	.389	13

NBA PLAYOFFS LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	17	171	126	507	29.8
James, MIA	13	130	95	375	28.8
Harden, HOU	6	50	45	161	26.8
Westbrook, OKC	17	153	121	452	26.6
Aldridge, POR	11	113	60	288	26.2
Howard, HOU	6	58	40	156	26.0
DeRozan, TOR	7	45	71	167	23.9
Griffin, LAC	13	117	71	306	23.5
Curry, GOL	7	51	37	161	23.0
Lillard, POR	11	83	59	252	22.9
George, IND	17	115	91	363	21.4
Johnson, Bro	12	98	36	254	21.2
Lowry, TOR	7	44	43	148	21.1
Ellis, DAL	7	52	27	143	20.4
Paul, LAC	13	92	41	257	19.8
Walker, CHA	4	26	14	78	19.5
Millsap, ATL	7	41	45	136	19.4
Parsons, HOU	6	46	11	116	19.3
Teague, ATL	7	44	38	135	19.3
Beal, WAS	11	75	39	211	19.2

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Johnson, TOR	34	52	.654
Valanciunas, TOR	31	49	.633
Ibaka, OKC	79	127	.622
James, MIA	130	227	.573
Gibson, CHI	32	57	.561
Howard, HOU	58	106	.547
Patterson, TOR	26	48	.542
Johnson, Bro	98	184	.533
Lee, GOL	41	77	.532
Wade, MIA	98	188	.521

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, HOU	6	27	55	82	13.7
Noah, CHI	5	15	49	64	12.8
Jordan, LAC	13	43	120	163	12.5
Millsap, ATL	7	21	55	76	10.9
Aldridge, POR	11	30	87	117	10.6
Gortat, WAS	11	36	73	109	9.9
Valanciunas, TOR	7	19	49	68	9.7
Jefferson, CHA	3	6	22	28	9.3
Lopez, POR	11	47	54	101	9.2
Lee, GOL	7	24	40	64	9.1

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Paul, LAC	13	134	10.3
Curry, GOL	7	59	8.4
Westbrook, OKC	17	138	8.1
Conley, MEM	7	55	7.9
Wall, WAS	11	79	7.2
Lillard, POR	11	72	6.5
Walker, CHA	4	24	6.0
Williams, Bro	12	70	5.8
Harden, HOU	6	35	5.8
Parker, SAN	16	84	5.3

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2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships

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Japan's Nanaka Takeuchi serves to compatriot Yurie Takanishi during their title game in the girls U18 singles event of the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships held last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

The CNMI's Tammy Ackerman practices a shot near the net before she and Palau's Ayana Rengiil played against Thailand's Yinglak Jittakoat and Gorbua Srisirisupayok .

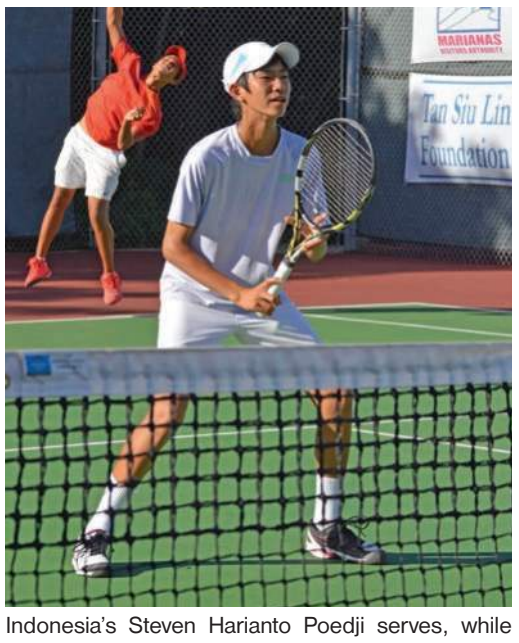
A Thai player receives a low shot from Tammy Ackerman.

Australia's Millie Khoury makes a return from the baseline during her and Alvina Lai's doubles game against Japan's Yuri Katano and Asumi Kanazawa.

Girls U18 singles champion Yurie Takanishi of Japan bends down for a return to Nanaka Takeuchi.

Japan's Taisei Miyamoto reacts after scoring a point against American player Jack Barber.

Jack Barber of the U.S. goes for a backhand return against Japan's Taisei Miyamoto.



Indonesia's Steven Harianto Poedji serves, while South Korea's Yohan Sung stands by near the net during their doubles game against Guam's Chris Cajigan and the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez.

Japan's Daisuke Sumizawa and Hong Kong's Cheuk Yin Yuen touch knuckles after eliminating Australia's Jesse Delaney and Hong Kong's Ming Chun Alan Sou.

The CNMI's Negahr Rastguiy uses both her hands to return a low shot during her and Mikayla Lopez's doubles game versus Japan's Hanuka Okawara and Minori Otsuka.

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Saipan Major All-Stars dominate Tinian

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Dai Podziewski, seen here batting for the Rockies, played for the CNMI Major All-Stars who swept Tinian in the 2014 CNMI District Tournament last Monday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Saipan Major All-Stars proved to be too much against their counterparts from Tinian, as shown in the host team's demolition of the visitors in the 2014 CNMI District Tournamentlast Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The Saipan bets pummeled Tinian in the first two games of the series, 21-1 and 10-0, last Sunday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and capped their perfect run in the short tournament with a 16-1 victory in Game 3 last Monday. With the win, the Saipan Major All-Stars will advance and represent the CNMI to the 2014 Asia Pacific Baseball Tournament that will be held in the Philippines next month.

The elite squad is composed of Christopher Chas, Vicente Camacho II, Tyrese Camacho, Justin Cangco, Spencer Dickinson, Aven Evangelista, Angel Iguel, Philip Kapileo, Pedro Mararita, Gloyd Martin, Max Pangelinan, Dai Podziewski, Joe Tudela, and Arby Yaguel. Manny Evangelista is the manager, while Patrick Mendiola and Michael Cruz are the coaches.

The Saipan Major All-Stars completed the sweep quickly as they finished off Tinian in Game 3 after only three and a half in-

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8 pairs barge into semifinals

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The semis cast in the mixed doubles A and B events of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament was completed over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the mixed doubles A, the pairs of Andreau Galvez and Jennine Savellano and Lanie Bartolome and Ferdie Arago topped Group 1 with their similar 3-1 records to bag the two Final Four berths in their bracket. The co-leaders claimed the two semis tickets against three other teams—Edwin Montoyo and Shirley Kim (2-2), Hapi Gabriel and Windy Fernandez (2-2), and Celo Agui and Cristy Villaflor (0-4).

In Group 2, Glenn Bluutjens and Hannah Choi and siblings Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan are the Top 2 finishers and will battle the Group 1 semifinalists in the next round. Bluutjens and Choi ruled the bracket with their perfect 4-0 record, while the Pangilinans were ranked second after earning a 3-1 mark. Other pairs who joined Group 2, but failed to

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Toshiko Obata steps forward for a return, while teammate Aries Cordero looks on during their mixed doubles B game against Ezekiel Macario and Mykki Caracut in the IT&E badminton tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Matansa nips Paire in women's league

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Independent FC's Terra Allen positions the ball for a corner kick during their game against Kanoa FC in the NMIFA women's league last weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Matansa Football Club scored early to nose out Paire Football Club, 1-0, in the first game in the 2014 NMIFA Women's League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Bernadette Horey drilled the lone goal in the game, finding the back of the net in the 10th minute. Matansa hung on to the slim lead at the break and kept the advantage and the win in the second half, as Paire failed to light up the scoreboard despite its repeated attempts.

In the other game last Saturday, Independents FC bagged a 2-0 victory over Kanoa FC. Vanessa Gramlich hit both goals for Independents, recording her first one in the 18th minute and the second in the 20th.

Kanoa was shut out and absorbed its third loss this season, as it lacked offensive options after missing some key players in the weekend game. Kanoa played without Marielle Gariguez, Irish Pagarao, Mikky Vargas, Thea Minor, Jeralyn Castillo, and goalkeeper Jhaneeka Atalig, who were part of a select team that competed in the invitational tournament in Hong Kong last week.

In the third game of the day, the Shirley's FC and MP United tiff was rescheduled.

Meanwhile, only two matches, too were completed in the M-League last Sunday.

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